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[*Name of the Church, the place, and date.*]

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LIST OF THE CLERGY;

29 June, 1856.

[Those marked * were present, at the Convention.]

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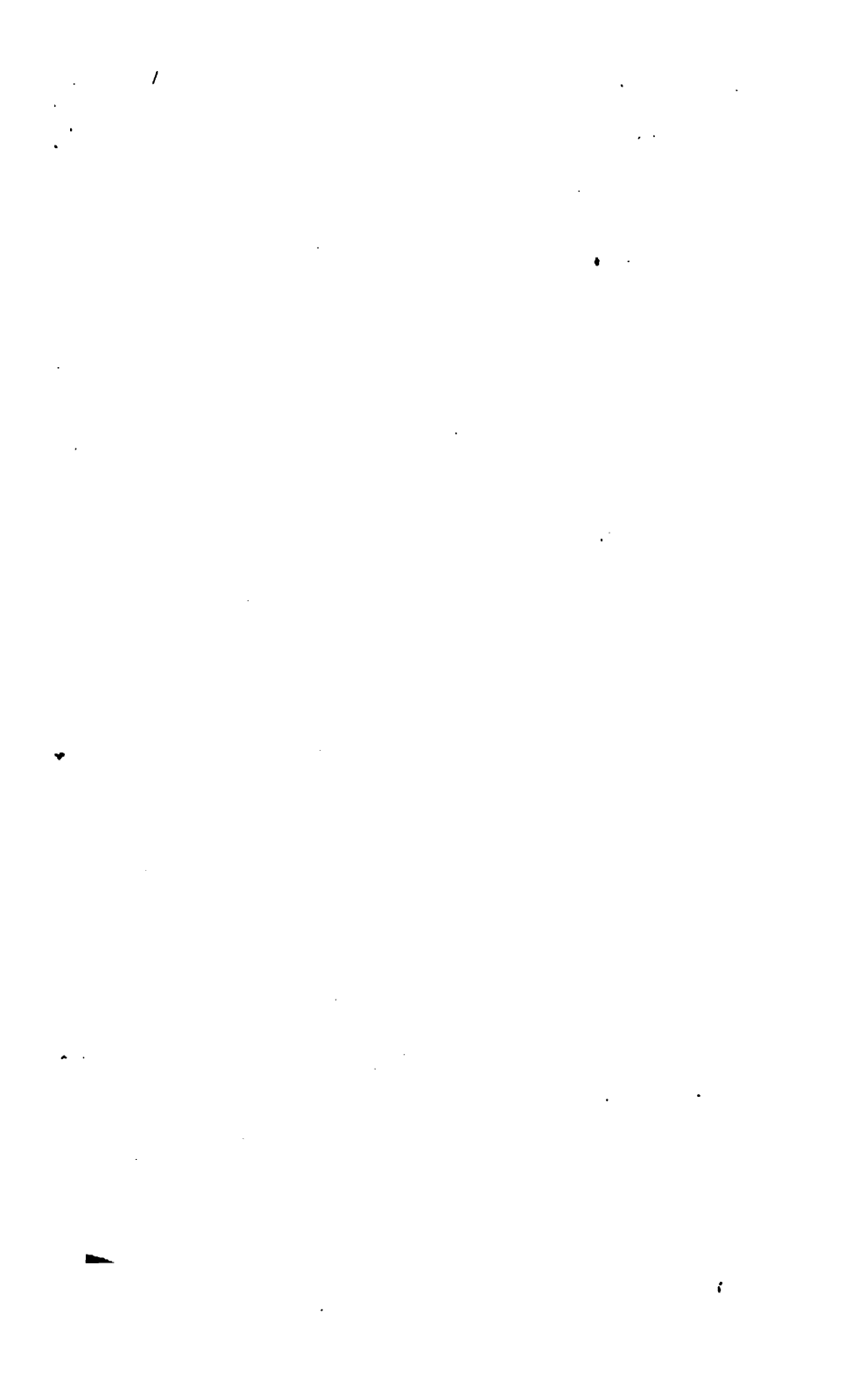
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JOURNAL.

Grace Church, Newark, May 28, 1856.

THIS being the time and place appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New Jersey, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Church, the Bishop and several of the Clergy and Lay Deputies assembled in Grace Church, Newark, at 10 o'clock.

Morning prayers and the Ante Communion service were said by Messrs. Stewart, Shackelford, and Doane, and Young of New York, and the Lessons were read by Messrs. Paterson and Hoffman. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Mahan, of the Theological Seminary. After which, the Bishop administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Dunn, Finch and Nichols, (of the Diocese of Nova Scotia.)

The religious services being concluded, the Bishop took the Chair; and the Convention proceeded to organize. Upon calling the roll, the Clergy present were the following:

The Rt. Rev. George W. Doane, D. D., LL. D., Bishop,	
The Rev. Clarkson Dunn,	The Rev. R. N. Merritt,
Harry Finch,	D. C. Millett,
J. A. Williams,	E. O. Flagg,
P. L. Jaques,	W. H. Norris,
A. Stubbs,	J. H. Smith,
A. B. Paterson, D. D.	H. N. Pierce,
J. F. Phillips,	S. Clements,
J. L. Bartlett,	W. D. Hanson,
J. D. Rosé, Ph. D.	S. Douglass,
N. Pettit,	M. Mahan, D. D.
D. H. Macurdy,	C. Woodward,
M. F. Hyde,	J. W. Shackelford,
D. Brown,	J. S. Bush,
P. E. Coe,	C. F. Hoffman,
E. K. Smith,	W. C. Doane,
H. Goodwin,	H. Chetwood,
V. Bruce,	S. Clark,
J. Smith,	F. R. J. Lightbourne,

E. A. Hoffman,
N. W. Camp, D. D.
J. H. Black,
W. H. N. Stewart,

S. Randall,
J. T. Walden,
N. S. Harris,
J. F. Garrison, M. D.

The Rev. Mr. Williams and the Hon. R. P. Thompson were appointed a Committee to examine the testimonials of Lay Deputies, who reported that more than a constitutional number of Churches were represented. Whereupon, the following Lay Deputies appeared and took their seats:

J. L. Boggs,
S. West,
W. A. Rogers,
F. Engle, U. S. N.
F. Gauntt, M. D.
A. Morss,
F. B. Chetwood,
F. W. Foote,
B. Williamson,
J. L. Benedict,
E. Darby,
W. R. Phelps,
J. R. Hoole,
J. Benjamin,
R. P. Thompson,
S. Meeker,
C. Parker,
W. T. Mercer,
J. Morrison,
R. Hamilton,
B. Gill,
H. Cox,
J. Perrine,
T. C. Throckmorton,
W. Lloyd,
T. H. Whitney,
R. Dumont,
J. W. Miller,
J. Lovell,
S. Stotesbury,
J. Wright,
T. P. Carpenter,
R. W. Howell,
J. W. Allen,
R. S. Swords,
N. Thorp,
E. Y. Rogers,

J. C. Garthwaite,
H. G. Darcy,
J. Pettit,
W. G. Dix,
A. Q. Keasbey,
E. Harris,
R. V. M. Cooper,
V. Hillyer,
J. E. Coles,
N. Duffin,
C. Glover,
J. J. Smith,
D. Condit,
S. A. Mayhew,
H. Hayes,
H. D. Law,
R. B. Duyckinck,
J. R. Cornell,
W. Thompson,
R. D. Jolley,
J. H. Simmons,
C. L. Crump,
J. R. Dey,
B. T. Nichols,
A. M. Dougherty,
J. T. Garthwaite,
C. H. Edwards,
W. C. Dayton,
H. S. Haywood,
J. D. Condit,
H. Allcock,
S. Bailey,
E. West,
J. W. Hayes,
R. Brantingham,
S. Lincoln,
A. D. Baldwin,

R. Marsh,
W. P. Robeson,
J. W. Condit,

A. M. Treadwell,
J. W. Van Boskerok.

The Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, when the Rev. Andrew Bell Paterson was elected.

The Secretary appointed the Rev. William Croswell Doane, his Assistant.

Resolved, That Clergy of other Dioceses, and candidates for the Ministry, who may be present in this city, be invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Stubbs, and Messrs. Williamson and Whitney were appointed a Committee to report on the application of new Parishes.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each meeting of the Convention shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. When the President assumes the Chair, each member shall take his seat.
3. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning; and, if necessary, corrected; and, before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the sitting shall be read.
4. When a member chooses to speak, he shall rise and address the President.
5. When two members rise at the same time, the President shall determine the preference; and, in any controversy respecting order, the President shall decide.
6. Every resolution, presented to this Convention, shall be fairly reduced to writing.
7. No motion shall be regarded, unless seconded.
8. A motion of postponement or amendment shall always be in order.
9. On motion to adjourn, or to lay upon the table, the question shall be put without debate.
10. No member shall speak more than thrice, on the same question, without the leave of the President.
11. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole; and shall take a vote for that purpose.
12. The yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the minutes, when any two members require it.
13. The doors of the Convention shall be open for the admission of such persons as may wish to know its proceedings.
14. No member shall leave the Convention, without permission.
15. All questions shall be decided *viva voce*; unless required to be decided by ballot, by at least three clerical members, and three lay delegations.
16. In all elections, those persons only, who shall have a majority of all the votes given, shall be deemed elected.
17. The order of business shall be as follows:—The report of existing Committees of preceding Convention; the election of Standing Committee, Deput-

ties to the General Convention, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and Trustees of the Offerings of the Church; Presentation of Parochial Reports; Postponed, and Miscellaneous, business.

18. The Bishop's Address at any time to be in order.

19. Daily prayers at 9 o'clock, A. M., adjourn at 2½ o'clock, P. M.; evening session at 4½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention took a recess until 4½ P. M.

Trinity Church, 4½ P. M.

The Convention assembled.

The Rev. Messrs. J. D. Moore, Bowden, Wheeler, Macurdy, Sherman, Barry, D.D., Foggo, and Messrs. Gifford, Clark, Halsted, Shoemaker, Stratton, E. B. D. Ogden, F. B. Ogden, Conover, Corwin, H. McFarlan, H. Shephard, C. Williams, appeared and took their seats.

The Committee on application of new Parishes, reported in favour of the admission of the Church of the Redeemer, Morristown, and Trinity, Jersey City; which parishes were, on motion, received into union with the Convention.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address: after which,

The Committee of the last Convention reported the following substitute for Canon X.

CANON X.

Of the Bishop's Salary, and of the Episcopal and Missionary Funds.

SECTION 1. The Salary to be paid to the Bishop, as soon as the annual income of the permanent Episcopal Fund shall equal the amount, is hereby fixed at twenty-four hundred dollars, (\$2400) per annum.

SEC. 2. Until the yearly interest of the Episcopal Fund shall be equal the foregoing amount, an annual contribution of one dollar (\$1.00) for each of its communicants, shall be made by every parish of the Diocese, which shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Convention, by the Treasurers of the several parishes, before the Annual meeting of this Convention.

SEC. 3. The Bishop shall be entitled to draw from the Treasurer of the Convention the annual interest of the Fund, and one half of the money received from the parishes, until such interest and money shall equal the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars, (\$2400;) and the balance of the contributions shall be added by the Treasurer to the Permanent Episcopal Fund, until the principal thereof shall amount to a sum which will yield an annual interest of twenty-four hundred dollars, (\$2400)—after which period, such interest shall be paid to the Bishop, and no further contributions shall be made, unless it shall be otherwise ordered by the Convention.

SEC. 4. In order to meet the requirement of Canon IV, of the General Convention of 1850, which provides that the Bishop shall visit "once in three years at least, every Church within his Diocese, which shall make provision for de-

fraying the necessary expenses of the Bishop at such visitation," and declares it "to be the duty of the Minister and Vestry of every Church or congregation, to make such provision," the Treasurer of every parish, which has received an Episcopal visit during the year, shall pay to the Treasurer of the Convention before each of its Annual meetings, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00,) and the like sum for every additional visitation made by request. This money shall then be paid by the Treasurer to the Bishop to defray his travelling expenses.

SEC. 5. There shall be a collection made, at least once a quarter, in every parish of the Diocese, for the support of the Missions of the Diocese, which shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Convention, by the Treasurers of the several parishes, before the time of the Annual meeting of the Convention. These contributions shall be applied, under the direction of the Bishop and the Trustees of the "Offerings of the Church," for Diocesan Missions, and for the expenses of the Trustees of the Offerings.

SEC. 6. The expenses of the Convention, the expenses of the Standing Committee, and the quota of the Diocese towards the expenses of the General Convention, shall from year to year be assessed by a Committee appointed by the Convention, on all the parishes of the Diocese; and the Chairman of such Committee shall send a notice of the assessment to the Rector and Wardens of each parish, on or before the first day of January, in each year. This assessment shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Convention before its Annual meeting.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Rectors or Ministers of the several congregations of the Diocese, to lay this Canon before their Vestries, and urge their co-operation in carrying out its provisions; and also to read it to their congregations at least once in each quarter.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Convention, at each of its Annual meetings, to make a *separate* report of the amounts of money received from each parish, for the Bishop's salary, the Episcopal Fund, and the respective purposes of the support of the Missions of the Diocese during the year, specifying the parishes, (if any) which have made no contribution: and this report shall be entered on the minutes of the Convention. In the case of non-contributing parishes, (if any) the Rector or Minister, if present in the Convention, (and if not, the lay delegate or delegates,) shall be called upon by the Secretary to state why the contributions have not been made, or the assessments paid.

SEC. 9. The Standing Committee of the Diocese shall be the "Trustees of the Offerings of the Church," and they shall make report to each Annual Convention, of the purposes to which the funds under their direction have been appropriated.

SEC. 10. Canon X be and is hereby repealed.

This substitute was postponed to the next Convention, and the proposed Canon ordered to be printed in the Journal.

The same Committee reported the following amendments to Canon VI, which were adopted:

CANON VI.

Of the Election of Church Officers.

SECTION 1. To remain the same.

SEC. 2. To be stricken out, and the following sections inserted in its place.

SEC. 2. Any male of full age, and good moral character, may be eligible to

office in any parish, or entitled to vote at an election of Church officers, who professes to adhere to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and contributes to its support in the mode prescribed in his particular congregation, and who shall have been a worshipper in said Church for six calendar months next before the election.

SEC. 3. In the case of a Free Church the same qualifications shall be required; but only those persons shall be considered as worshippers in such Church, who shall have handed in their names as such to the Rector or Minister, in writing, (or in case of a vacancy, to the Senior Warden,) at least six calendar months before the election, whose duty it shall be to enter the same, with the date, in the parochial register, required by Canon V.

The same Committee reported the following amendment to Canon II:

"And transmitted by the Secretary of the Vestry to the Secretary of the Convention at least ten days before the meeting of the Annual Convention."

The Convention proceeded to the election of officers, when the following were elected:

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Of the Clergy.

Rev. Harry Finch,
J. A. Williams,
A. Stubbs,
E. A. Hoffman.

Of the Laity.

J. C. Garthwaite,
C. C. Stratton,
E. B. D. Ogden,
T. P. Carpenter.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Of the Clergy.

Rev. C. Dunn,
A. Stubbs,
A. B. Paterson, D. D.
M. Mahan, D. D.

Of the Laity.

J. W. Miller,
D. B. Ryall,
R. B. Aertsen,
W. Wright.

SUPPLEMENTAL DEPUTIES.

Of the Clergy.

Rev. W. H. N. Stewart,
J. A. Williams,
D. Brown,
J. Bartlett,

Of the Laity.

J. W. Condit,
S. V. Hoffman,
J. J. Chetwood,
J. H. Thompson, M. D.

The following were nominated to the General Convention, as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. Rev. Messrs. Williams, Stubbs, Morehouse, Finch, Lowell, Henderson, D. D.; and of the Laity, J. W. Condit, J. C. Garthwaite, F. Smith, E. B. D. Ogden, T. H. Whitney, R. W. Howell.

The following persons were appointed Trustees of the offerings of the Church, Rev. Messrs. Paterson and Williams, and Messrs. Whitney and Nichols.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin offered the following Resolution, which was referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Goodwin and Paterson, and Messrs. C. Parker, A. Gifford and J. W. Hayes.

WHEREAS, man has a religious as well as an intellectual nature, has a conscience and sensibilities, on the right training of which depend the happiness of individuals and the welfare of society, infinitely more than on the highest intellectual attainments :

And, WHEREAS, this education of the heart and conscience should, during the season of childhood, receive the same *daily* attention as the cultivation of the intellect—a truth declared by our Heavenly Father Himself, who says “*These words which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*”

And, WHEREAS, there can scarcely be a more favorable sphere for instilling Divine Truth, “*here a little and there a little,*” and for giving a happy and lasting direction to the young, than in the school-room, and on the school-ground, in that association with equals, in which, the most intense feelings are enlisted :

And, WHEREAS, it was the conviction of both the early Christians, and the Reformers, and was expressed by the framers of our National Constitution, as follows ; that “*Religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools should be forever encouraged;*” and was thus expressed by the Father of our Country : “*Reason and experience both, forbid us to expect, that national morality can prevail in the exclusion of religious principle,*” and “*there is no security for property, for reputation and for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice;*” and, consequently,

WHEREAS, that plan of secular training which leaves, as estimated *two millions* of the children of our land uninstructed in their moral obligations and their solemn relations to eternity, is alike dishonorable to God, subversive of national morality, and awfully dangerous to individual happiness both present and future, therefore,—

Resolved, That this Convention do recommend to every Parish or association of Parishes, throughout the Diocese, to establish, as soon as circumstances will allow, a school, under the supervision of the Rector or Rectors, in which the young may be carefully and faithfully moulded for God and Heaven, as well as thoroughly instructed in secular knowledge.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Convention, such mingled intellectual and religious training will, with the Divine blessing, prove a most efficient agency in checking the rapid growth of both juvenile and adult crime ; in preventing our youths from being drawn away into the ranks of fanaticism on the one hand, or induced by the plausibilities of modern infidelity to repudiate the Gospel on the other ; and will raise up a generation of men more obedient to law ;

rooted in our most Holy Faith; more exemplary in Christian practice; and will afford a fruitful supply for the now deficient ranks of the Christian Ministry.

And WHEREAS, Christian men do not, and should not, feel themselves at liberty to place their children for six or more hours daily, during years when they are most susceptible of impressions, in those schools, where the glory of God, and that eternity which gives value to the present life, are practically forgotten; and whereas these same Christian men do, and should, feel a very great reluctance in contributing to the maintenance of an education which tends neither to the security of human life and property, nor to the prevention of crime in general: therefore,

Resolved, that, in the opinion of this Convention, any religious denomination, or separate congregation, which desires to establish a school of its own, in any particular locality, ought not to be compelled by law to pay for schools, in which it cannot conscientiously have its children instructed; but ought to have the legal right to claim for its own school, the school assessment of its own members—and enjoy all the benefits now received by a few.

An Act to establish Public Schools, approved April 17, 1846.

SEC. 12. When the patrons or proprietors of any school already organized and established under the care of any religious society or denomination of Christians, whose church discipline provides for the establishment of schools and the appointment of trustees, are unwilling to relinquish such school, and become subject to all the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of the trustees of said school to transmit to the Town Superintendent of their respective townships, a certificate of their organization, together with a list of the children of such patrons and proprietors, between the ages of 5 and 16 years, who are capable of attending school; whereupon every such school shall be entitled to receive its just and rateable proportion of the money assigned to said Township out of income of the school fund, and of such additional sum as may be raised or appropriated by said township for the support of Public Schools; which apportionment shall be made by the Town Superintendent of the respective townships and a copy thereof filed with the township collector, whose duty it shall be to pay to the trustees of said school their just proportion of such moneys for the use and benefit of said school.

Resolved, That any salary due to the Rev. Thomas Tanser, deceased, as Missionary under the Olden Fund, be paid to his legal representative.

1000 copies of the Journal were ordered to be printed, and Messrs. H. G. Darcy, B. T. Nichols and J. W. Hayes were appointed a Committee to make an assessment for meeting the expenses of the Convention.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and referred to Messrs. H. G. Darcy and B. T. Nichols, with authority to certify and print.

After Singing, and Devotions, by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

GEORGE W. DOANE, President.

A. B. PATERSON, Secretary.

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS,

IN

THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY,

With the date of their origin, as near as could be ascertained; or
of their admission into union with the Convention.

- St. Peter's, Perth Amboy, before 1700, probably 1685.
- Christ, Shrewsbury and Middletown, 1702.
- St. Mary's, Burlington, 1704.
- St. John's, Elizabethtown, 1704.
- St. John's, Salem, 1721.
- Trinity, Newark, 1725.
- Christ, New Brunswick, 1742-43.
- Christ, Newton, 1759.
- Christ, Allentown, before the Revolution.
- Christ, Johnsonsburgh.
- Trinity, Woodbridge, before the Revolution.
- St. Andrew's, Mount Holly, before the Revolution.
- St. Michael's, Trenton, before the Revolution.
- St. James', Piscatawa, before the Revolution.
- St. Mary's, Colestown, before the Revolution.
- St. Peter's, Spottswood, 1756.
- St. Peter's, Freehold, 1788, probably much earlier.
- St. James', Knowlton. 1788.
- St. John's, Chew's Landing, 1791, probably earlier.
- St. Peter's, Berkeley, 1791, probably earlier.
- Trinity, Swedesborough, 1792.
- St. George's, Penn's Neck, 1792.
- St. Thomas', Glassborough, 1791.
- St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill, 1823.
- St. Thomas', Alexandria.
- St. Matthew's, Jersey City, 1824.
- St. Paul's, Paterson, 1824.
- St. Mark's, Orange, 1827.
- St. Peter's, Morristown, 1827.
- St. Luke's, Hope, 1828.
- St. Paul's, Camden, 1830.
- Trinity, Princeton, 1833.
- Christ, Bordentown, 1835.
- Christ, Belleville, 1836. Formerly Chapel of Trinity, Newark.
- St. Paul's, Rahway, 1836.
- St. Paul's, Hoboken, 1836.

Trinity Chapel, Moravia.
 Zion, Belvidere.
 St. Stephen's, Beverly, 1837.
 Grace, Newark, 1837.
 Trinity, Moorestown, 1838.
 Calvary, Flemington, 1843.
 Grace, Haddonfield, 1843.
 Trinity, Fairview, 1845.
 St. Andrew's, Amwell, at Lambertville, 1846.
 Grace, (Van Vorst, in) Jersey City, 1847.
 St. Philip's, Newark, 1848.
 St. Matthew's, Newark, 1848.
 St. Thomas', Vernon, 1848.
 St. Paul's, Trenton, 1849.
 Ascension, Gloucester, 1849.
 Grace, Elizabethport, 1850.
 Trinity, Middletown Point, 1850.
 House of Prayer, Newark, 1851.
 Christ Free Mission, Newark, 1852.
 St. John's, Somerville, 1852.
 St. John's, Camden, 1852.
 Church of the Holy Trinity, Hudson, 1852.
 St. John's, Dover, 1852.
 St. Paul's, Newark, 1853.
 Christ, Elizabethtown, 1853.
 St. Stephen's, Millville, 1853.
 St. James', Long Branch, 1854.
 St. Stephen's, South Amboy, 1854.
 Trinity, Hoboken, 1854.
 Grace, Orange, 1854.
 Grace, Plainfield, 1854.
 St. Barnabas, Newark, 1855.
 St. Peter's, Newark, 1855.
 St. Mark's, Newark, 1855.
 Grace, Madison, 1855.
 Church of the Redeemer, Morristown, 1856.
 Trinity, Jersey City, 1856.

Parochial Reports.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON.

The Right Rev. George Washington Doane, D. D., LL.D. Rector.

The Rev. William Crowell Doane, A. M. Assisting the Rector.

Families and individual pewholders, 199; baptisms (infants 71, adults 40,) 111; confirmed, 86; communicants, 352; marriages, 4; churchings, 4; funerals, 21. Offerings of the Church; (charities of the Parish, \$310.75; Diocesan Missions, \$201.70; General Missions, \$73.62) \$580.07. Parish Schools, \$440.51; other objects, \$241.82—total, \$1268.40. Sunday School, 210. Boys' Parish School, 40; Girls' Parish School, 70.

Daily morning and evening prayers, with the full music; the children of both Schools attending, as they do also the Sunday services. The Holy Eucharist on every Lord's day and every Holy day. A night service, with a sermon and congregational practising on the eve of every Saint's day, and every Thursday evening. Public catechizing, after evening prayer, on the first Sunday in each month; and after morning prayer on the Saint's days and every Wednesday and Friday. The Parish Schools do admirable work for Christ and the Church. Miss Anna W. Blackney has charge of the girls, and Miss Forgas of the boys. The schools are open to all; and gather in, the children of the poor. They are taught the catechism and the Church's system of religious training, sacred vocal music, and a plain English education. One of the older girls assists, in the care of the girls' school, faithfully and usefully. The District Visitors have been full of their works of mercy, through the winter; and have a supervision of the girls' school, particularly in the instruction in sewing. The Bible class is under the charge of the Rector's Assistant. The music of the Church is admirable. The introduction of the ancient plain song makes it really congregational worship; and the choir have made beautiful the service of song in God's house, with anthems and services, exquisitely rendered. Mr. Alfred Shapter is still the organist; and the choristers, nine men, three women, and seven boys, sing, for God's glory, and for love's sake. Mr. Frost's faithful assistance is still most acceptable in the Parish; and from the Clergy resident here, three Missionary stations are regularly supplied, at Fairview, Pemberton and Riverton. The free scholarships so generously established for parish schools, in the Diocesan institutions here, are used in this Parish by two girls from the Parish School, who are in training for Church teachers.

ASSISTANT'S REPORT.

Rt. Rev. and dear Father,—

My duties as your Assistant in St. Mary's have varied but little, in extent or in nature. As you directed and the ordinal enjoined, I have laboured chiefly among the poor, the sick, and the children of the Parish, both before and since my ordination to the Priesthood. I have said the daily service and been absent but three Lord's days; I have administered the Sacrament of Holy Baptism fifty times; assisted always, when here, in the administration of the Holy Eucharist, which in your absence, I have also celebrated eight times; I have solemnized matrimony once; read the burial service twelve times; catechized the children always, and instructed them in the Parish and Sunday Schools; used the office for the Churching of women three times; preached twenty-five times; and continued the charge of the Bible class, and the direction of the Church music.

I have also continued my duties as your Adjunct Professor in the College; and as the Instructor of your Candidates for Holy Orders, in the Evidences and Liturgics.

Since my ordination to the Priesthood, I have felt obliged, with most sincere regret, to separate myself officially from the Parish which you have built; and where I was catechized, confirmed, admitted to the Holy Eucharist, and ordained Deacon and Priest. You have known my very strong convictions upon the question of free sittings; have felt with me the need of more Church room for the poor; and I shall go with your blessing to my new labours, still to relieve and share your work; and to be one with you in common duties, common sympathies, common interests, and the common service of our Blessed Master.

With utmost affection and duty,

Your faithfully loving son,

WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE.

St. Mary's Parish, Whit Monday, A. D. 1856.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PERTH AMBOY:

Rev. Alexander Jones, Rector.

I entered into the charge of this Parish, January 1, 1855; Families, 45; Baptisms, infants 15, adult 1, total 16; Communicants, died 4, removed 3, added 15, present number, 74; Marriages, 3; Funerals, 29, 10 out of the Congregation; Sunday School Teachers, Scholars, 95.

Contributions of the Church: Foreign Missions, \$87; Norfolk Sufferers, in clothing and money, \$242; African School, \$75; Mite Society, \$60.00; Sunday School, 30.00; Communion Alms, \$104; Church purposes, \$4.25; Total amount, \$1023.

**CHRIST CHURCH, SHREWSBURY ; AND TRINITY CHAPEL
RED BANK :**

The Rev. Harry Finch, Rector ;

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Assistant Minister ;

Families about 90 ; Communicants, (died 1—added 2,) 170 ; Baptisms, (adults, 6, infants 4, by the Rector ; infants 9, by the Assistant Minister) 19 ; Confirmed, 2 in Christ Church, Shrewsbury ; Marriages, (4 by the Rector, and 3 by the Assistant Minister,) 7, burials, (11 by the Rector, and 5 by the Assistant Minister,) 16 ; Offerings, Diocesan Missions ; in Christ Church, Shrewsbury, \$61.16. General Missions, Christ Church, Shrewsbury ; Domestic, Advent, \$4.16—Foreign, Epiphany, \$10.57 ; Trinity Chapel, Red Bank, Epiphany, \$3.46 ; disabled Clergymen, Christ Church, Shrewsbury, \$2.46—Norfolk Sufferers, Christ Church, Shrewsbury, \$57.14 ; Trinity Chapel, Red Bank, \$7.03—Other purposes, about \$60.

Parish School, for coloured children, has been established several years, and numbers about 80. Sunday Schools, at Shrewsbury very small—at Red Bank doing very well, and numbers about 30.

CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN :

Rev. Charles Woodward, Minister and Missionary.

Congregation, Families, 18, (adults 60, children 33), total number of individuals, 93 ; Baptisms, infants, 3 ; Confirmed 3 ; Communicants, (admitted 1, received 4, total added, 5 ; removed, 6, present number, 32 ; Marriage, 1 ; Burial 1 ; Public Services, on Sundays, 95 ; on other days, 34 ; total number of services, 129 ; the Holy Communion publicly administered, 16 times ; Children publicly catechized, number of children 9, number of times 12.

This Church is "free;" the ministrations being sustained in part, by a landed endowment, and partly by the weekly collections at the "Offertory," which are mainly applied to this purpose. These, during the past year, have amounted to \$216.55 ; of which were appropriated, for sufferers at Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$7 ; Domestic missions, \$8 ; Foreign, \$7.60 ; Diocesan, \$5 ; printing Journal, &c., \$2 ; Parochial objects, \$13.62. Middletown Point and Keyport have been several times visited, and an effort made to establish regular services in one or both of these places. A plan has now been arranged by which it is hoped that this desirable end will, at once and permanently, be attained. At the former place, where a parish has for some years been organized, there are nine church families, with seven communicants, at the latter, where as yet there is no church organization, there are seven families, with five communicants.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH :*The Rev. Samuel A. Clark, Rector.*

Baptisms, 1 infant; Communicants, added 24, on Record, about 90; Burials, 1; Bible Classes, male 1, Teacher 1, Pupils 10, female 1, Teacher 1, Pupils 15; Sunday School Teachers, 19; Pupils, 145; Children catechized monthly; Contributions, Foreign Missions, \$51.67, Domestic, \$43.65; Diocesan, \$46.41; Essex County Bible Society, \$83.39; Norfolk Sufferers, \$41.00; other alms, \$116.84; Parochial purposes, \$1400; Total, \$1782.96.

Previous to the first Sunday in April, St. John's Parish had been without a Rector for about one year. The Church is in a prosperous condition; and the congregation has been exceedingly liberal in its expenditures, in repairs and alterations in the Parsonage, and in the improvement of its grounds.

The Ladies' Sewing Society has introduced gas into the Church, and is actively engaged in raising funds for good purposes.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SALEM :*The Rev. Andrew Bell Paterson, D. D., Rector.*

Families, removed 2, added 2, 56; Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 9,) 10; Confirmed 1, Communicants (died 3, removed 6, added 15,) 86; Marriages 3; Funerals 9; Sunday School Teachers, 9, Scholars, 60; Bible Class, 16. Contributions, Missions, Diocesan, \$64; Domestic \$55; Foreign, \$30; Communion Alms, 121; Poor of the town \$53; For Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$130; Parochial, \$400—\$857.

Bridgeton, monthly service; Communicants, 19; Individuals about 45: Average attendance, 120.

Woodstown, monthly service, average attendance about 60.

St. George's, Penn's Neck, semi-monthly service, during the vacancy of the Parish.

The Warden reports from the Register, Baptisms, (infants) 3; Communicants, (died 3) 17; Funerals, 3.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWARK.

The following is the report of Trinity Church Newark, up to the 25th of February—at which time I resigned the Rectorship. It comprises a period of nine months.

Baptisms 33; Confirmed 13; Communicants, added 27; died 3; the changes by removal, will not be known till April; whole number probably as last year. Marriages, 21; Funerals, 35. Offerings; Communion alms, \$166.43; City Mission to the poor, (offerings of the Church) \$169.04; Clothing Society, \$23.09; Contributions special for the poor, \$130.07; General Missions, Domestic, \$97.02 Foreign \$84.67; of this \$27 was the Christmas Offering of the Sun-

day School. Beside this, there was a pledge of \$50 towards a special Foreign Mission, \$25 of which including contributions for that object by several members, has been paid. Whole amount towards General Missions \$206.69. Parochial Sunday School, \$65.56; German Mission in Newark, \$129.87; Missions in the Diocese, \$16.80. For St. Philips Church, Newark, \$58.77. For the Orphans and sufferers from Yellow fever in Norfolk, and Portsmouth 76.64. For Matagorda, Texas; rebuilding the Church, \$61.37. Whole amount of contributions to these various objects, \$1104.33. The Sunday School is flourishing. A room was procured in East Newark, last summer, by a gentleman who felt interested in the object, and a Sunday School was collected chiefly by the agency of a few of our Sunday School teachers, of nearly one hundred scholars. I preached there on two occasions to as many as the room would hold. The same gentleman now holds a fine lot, 75 feet by 100, in trust, for the erection of a building, that may answer both for Religious services and Sunday School Instruction. The enterprise is an important one, and has promise of abundant success. A Society of young ladies have been active in relieving the wants of the children belonging to this Sunday School. During the season they received \$50.50, and distributed 78 garments, &c.

MATTHEW H. HENDERSON.

During the period of my Rectorship, there have been 912 Baptisms—290 persons confirmed; 807 added to the Communion; 317 marriages, and 650 funerals.

Since the resignation of the late Rector, the charge of the Parish has devolved upon me. In addition to the foregoing, therefore, I have to report, for the three months last past, as follows:

Baptisms, 11; Communicants added 1; Marriages 1; Funerals 5; Offerings, Communion Alms, \$51.23; City Mission, to the poor \$115.47; General Missions, Domestic, \$10.61; Foreign \$14.72; Parochial Sunday School \$93.49. German Mission, \$82.02. Total amount of contributions, \$367.54.

Combining the two reports, the result of the entire year is as follows: Baptisms, 44; Communicants added, 28; Marriages, 22; Funerals, 40; Offerings, Communion alms, \$217.66; City Mission to the poor, \$284.51; General Missions, \$232.02; Parochial Sunday School, \$159.05; German Mission, \$211.89; Total of other contributions specified in first report, \$366.74; making the whole amount contributed, \$1471.87.

J. TREADWELL WALDEN.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEW BRUNSWICK:

The Rev. Alfred Stubbs, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 5, infants 31), 36; confirmed, 8; communicants, (died and removed 12, added 15), 125; marriages, 4; fune-

erals, 13; families and pew holders, 106; Offerings, for Episcopal fund, \$15; special Thanksgiving offering for the Norfolk sufferers, \$40; Missions, \$150.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWTON:

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Rector.

Families and contributors, 55; communicants, (died 1, added 7), 52; baptisms, (adults 6, children 17), 23; confirmed, 8; marriages, 12; funerals, 17; Sunday School scholars, 60; teachers, 8; Offerings, for sufferers at Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., \$12.48; Domestic Missions, \$18; Foreign Missions, \$4; Diocesan Missions, \$6; Episcopal Fund, \$6. A new organ, built by Mr. Earnest Hartwick, Newark, has been purchased by the congregation at a cost of \$1000. A new set of lamps has been presented by one of the Wardens; and \$50 expended in enlarging the Sunday School Library.

A considerable amount of Missionary service has been performed by the Rector and his Assistant, in the neighborhood of Newton, at Franklin, and at Hope.

TRINITY CHURCH, WOODBRIDGE:

The Rev. James Chapman, Missionary.

Since the last Convention I have given my ministrations to Trinity Church, Woodbridge, as often as circumstances permitted. Being confined to my home, in Perth Amboy, by sickness, which commenced with the current year, and which still keeps me in a debilitated condition, I have not been able to renew my attendance at that Church during the present spring. This circumstance gives me much grief, but I endeavour to be submissive to the will of Providence: and I cherish the hope that I shall soon be able to renew attendance, as for many years past.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MOUNT HOLLY:

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector.

Families and pewholders, 70; baptisms, (adults 4, infants 5), 9; confirmed, 1; communicants, (died and removed 10, added 6), 76; marriages, 2; funerals, 2; Sunday School Teachers, 21; Scholars, 159; books, 825. Contributions—Missions, Diocesan, \$5; Domestic and Foreign, \$108; Fund for aged and infirm clergymen, \$14.68; Alms at Communion, \$68; Bible Society, \$6.50; Parochial purposes, \$1,175—Total, \$1,277.18.

Service on Sundays—the principal Festivals and Fasts, and during Advent and Lent. Prayer on Wednesday afternoon. Communion on the first Sunday in every month, and on Christmas, Easter, and Whitsunday.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, TRENTON:

The Rev. Samuel Clements, Rector.

Families, (as far as ascertained) 150; adults 343, children 140, total 483. Baptisms, (adults 5, infants 15), 20; communicants, (number at the beginning of the year 95, died 3, removed 2, added 38), present number, 128; marriages, 6; burials, 9; Sunday Schools, 16 teachers, 132 scholars, 259 library books. Contributions—parochial objects, (for the poor and Sunday Schools) \$262.-38; Diocesan Missions, (for St. Paul's Church, South Trenton), \$65; domestic missions, \$55.52; foreign missions, \$97.82; general objects, (Bible and Prayer Book Societies,) \$23.11—total, \$503.83.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SPOTTSWOOD:

The Rev. Joseph F. Phillips, Rector.

To the Right Rev. the Diocesan, the Rector respectfully reports the following statistics of his cure:

Families and pewholders, 46; communicants, (3 removed, several recusant, not included, several added), 49; baptisms, (8 infants, 2 adults), 10; confirmed, 3; marriages, (1 at Brooklyn, L. I.), 3; burials, (2 at South Amboy), 4. The children of the parish are catechised and instructed, every Sunday, by the Rector and Assistants. The collections have been applied by the Vestry, this year, to parochial uses, from a desire to clear the parish of debt.

Services—Sundays, (morning and evening), and on the greater Feast and Fast days. During the first half of the conventional year, I officiated, frequently, on Sunday afternoons, at St. Stephen's Church, South Amboy, which other arrangements in that parish subsequently superseded. I have also officiated occasionally at Rhode Hall and Matchaponix. Holy Eucharist administered monthly, and on the principal Festivals; once at St. Stephen's Church, South Amboy.

The parish has been aided materially in its long and single-handed efforts to complete and furnish its new house of worship, by a small band of zealous and devoted ladies of the congregation, whose untiring industry has been exerted for that praiseworthy purpose. In this connexion, I ought not to omit the name and example of Miss Catharine Johnston, who, though not of the parish, has, by the work of her own hands, purchased, and presented to the Church, an elegant marble Font, a handsome Episcopal Chair, Altar coverings, and a Surplice; and is plying her needle with a view to still further donations. Such examples carry the mind backward to Christians of a better day.

The Rector has the satisfaction of reporting that among those who compose the congregation, a very laudable spirit of zeal for the Church and her services prevails, and greater unanimity of feeling and of action than has formerly pervaded it. The faithful among

us now see and enjoy the fruits of their exertions and prayers, in the possession of a commodious and beautiful sanctuary, wherein they regularly meet to worship the God who created and redeemed them—who has hitherto helped them—and who, we trust, is sanctifying them in the devotions which they there render to His great name, in the mode they love. Free from the embarrassment and incubus of debt, the parish is increasing in strength and stability, though from the limited and stationary population around, accessions to its numbers cannot be large. God grant that its members may also increase in those Christian graces which honour their profession, and accompany salvation!

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BERKELEY, AT CLARKSBOROUGH:

The Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, late Rector.

The late Rector reports that he resigned the charge March 16, 1856. Up to that date, since the last report, there have been 6 children baptized; 1 added to the communion; marriages, 1; funerals, 6; books in the Sunday School Library, 380; books in the Parish Library, 286; other statistics as in the last report.

Contributions—Alms at the Communion, \$19.87; African Mission, subscription \$20, donations \$7.63, collected from the Sunday School \$7.66, Ladies' Sewing Society \$11.32; China Mission, \$7; Ladies' Sewing Society for Western Missions, \$11.32; from other sources for the same, \$8—amount to Missions, \$72.93. For Sunday School and Parish Libraries, \$8.24. Total, \$101.06.

He states, also, that he has administered the Holy Communion, on two occasions, in St. Paul's Church, Camden, at the request of the officiating minister, the Rev. Joseph F. Garrison, M. D., now in Deacon's orders, preached once in the same Church, four times in the vacant Church at Clarksborough, twice at Gloucester for the Rev. Mr. Bartlett, during his late affliction, once in St. John's Church, Camden, and once in St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, Delaware. On other occasions he has several times performed the service for his brethren, and attended one funeral.

TRINITY CHURCH, SWEDESBOROUGH:

The Rev. William J. Zimmer, Rector.

Baptisms, (2 infants, 1 adult), 3; marriages, 2; funerals, 11; communicants, last report, 117, (died 4, added 5), present number, 118; contributions, \$96.60; Sunday School pupils, 50; teachers, 10.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GLASSBOROUGH:

Rev. Wm. Herbert Norris, Missionary.

Baptised 2 infants; Confirmed 6; Communicants added, 1.

I have been officiating in this Church once on each Sunday, since Advent.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MULLICA HILL:

Right Rev. G. W. Doane,

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir,—I send you a brief report of the state of our Parish. My health is so feeble that I am not able to make out a full report. We have been without a Pastor since the first of March, but there has been services every Sunday, twice a day with the exception of one Sunday. Rev. Thomas G. Allen and Rev. G. A. Durburrow have preached for us, and when no clergyman is present, there is lay reading. During the past year there has been: Baptisms, (infants) 2; Marriages, 3; Funerals, 2; Families and parts of families that attend Church, 26; Communicants, removed 5, present number, 16; Sunday Scholars, 35; Teachers, 6.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM S. MALLET, Warden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PATERSON:

The Rev. Edward O. Flagg, Rector.

Communicants, about 120; confirmations, 35; baptisms, 75; marriages, 5; burials, 33; Sunday School teachers, 80; scholars, 200. Weekly collections, \$282.55; Communion Alms, \$100.03; subscriptions, \$370 50. The Ladies' Sewing Society have raised \$770.00, which, added to \$730.00, accumulated by quarterly collections, has reduced the debt of the Church from thirty-five hundred to two thousand dollars.

Within three or four months, a small free parish, calling itself St. John's, has been organized, chiefly by members of St. Paul's. It has, for a short time, been under the charge of Rev. John Grigg, but is now without a Rector. To carry out a plan so desirable and most auspiciously commenced, it is to be hoped one suitable may soon be secured. Notwithstanding such an organization, which has been my heartfelt desire ever since laboring in my present field, the attendance upon our own services has been almost the same as usual. The few pews relinquished are now, for the most part, in demand; and the School has, to a very little extent, diminished. If coming labours may be blessed equally with those of the past, we have every encouragement to prognosticate goodly things for our heritage, in this section.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, ORANGE:

The Rev. James A. Williams, Rector.

Families and pew holders, 86; baptisms, (adults 3, infants 17), 20; confirmed, 18; communicants, (added 15, removed 9), 161; marriages, 8; funerals, 10. The Sunday School has 8 teachers, and 60 children, in attendance. The children of the parish are

catechised, in public, in the afternoon of the monthly Communion Sunday.

The proceeds of the weekly Offertory, during the year, amount to \$654.99, viz: for General Board of Missions—Domestic Missions, \$100; Foreign, \$95; Minnesota Missions, \$28; Diocesan, \$101.34; aged and infirm Clergy, \$15; general Sunday School Union, \$68.29; Norfolk sufferers, \$49; parochial and other charities, \$198.40. Besides the contributions at the Offertory, a box of clothing, and other articles of needle work has been made up, by the ladies of the parish, and sent to Nashota, for the benefit of the Nashota Theological Institution.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MORRISTOWN:

The Rev. Robert Norris Merritt, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, infants 12), 16; confirmed, 9; communicants, (added anew 8, received into the parish 12, removed from the parish 3), 103; marriages, 3; churchings, 4; burials, 4; Offerings, for parochial purposes, \$174.36; Church debt fund, \$293.74; Communion alms, \$88.38; Foreign Missions, \$51; aged and infirm Clergy, \$41.40; Diocesan Missions, \$32.15; Nashotah, \$25; Oregon, \$15; Sunday School, \$10.79; Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$9.05; Portage, Wis., \$5.00; Leacock Fund, Africa, \$5.00. Total amount of Offerings, \$750.87. In repairs and improvements upon the Church property, there have been expended about \$255. The Sunday School numbers 65 children. It is superintended by the Rector, assisted by 12 teachers. In the Library of the School there are 220 volumes. The children are catechized "openly in the Church," once a month, after evening prayer.

Besides the usual services on the Lord's day, there are morning and evening prayers upon Wednesday, Friday, all the Festivals, every day in Passion Week, and usually in the Ember Weeks. The Holy Communion is administered monthly, as well as on the greater Festivals, including Ascension Day. The peace and harmony of the parish, during the past year, has been uninterrupted. The utmost good feeling prevails between the clergyman and his people, one of the best proofs of which is to be found in the fact that the Rector's salary has been advanced, by the Vestry, twenty-five per cent. The growth of the parish, during the same period, has been steady. At the present time our Church accommodation is all occupied by permanent worshippers. If these retain possession of their pews after this year, the necessity for more room must become apparent to every one.

Our report for two years past has represented a debt as resting upon the parish, and embarrassing its operations. In regard to this, a much more healthy feeling prevails. Many of our members have at length risen from their apathy, in regard to it: and have been brought to feel that it is just as much a part of common ho-

neasy to pay the debt of their Church, as it is to liquidate their own private responsibilities. All honor be to them for it. In consequence of this, liabilities have been entered into to pay off almost the entire debt in two years from now; and we hope, by the time we present another report, that the whole amount will be raised, which is necessary to free from the claims of creditors, all the property which belongs to this parish, for religious uses.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CAMDEN:

The Rev. J. F. Garrison, M. D., Rector Elect.

Families and pew holders, 113; baptisms, (infants 7, adults 1), 8; communicants, (died or removed, 5, added 11), 116; marriages, 5; funerals, 5; Sunday School, teachers, 19; children, 150; books, 390. Offerings—Parochial, \$56.85; Domestic Missions, \$81.76; Foreign, \$60.00; Episcopal Fund, \$20.00; other charities, \$120; total, \$338.61.

TRINITY CHURCH, PRINCETON:

The Rev. William D. Hanson, Rector.

The statistics of this congregation for the last conventional year are as follows: baptisms, (adults 1, infants 5), 6; confirmed, 8; communicants, (added 9, died 2, removed 8), present number, 66; marriages, 4; funerals, 6; Sunday School, scholars, 47; teachers, 8; contributions—Communion alms, \$96.50; Domestic Missions, \$159.74; other kindred purposes, \$362.22—total, \$618.46.

CHRIST CHURCH, BORDENTOWN:

The Rev. Edward A. Foggo, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 5, infants 4), 9; confirmed, 9; communicants, (died 2, removed 4, added 15), present number, 59; marriages, 1; burials, 7; in the Sunday School, scholars, 73; teachers, 7—contributions, Communion Alms, \$63; for the relief of the Norfolk sufferers, \$50; Domestic Missions, \$11; Foreign Missions, \$12.

The improvements in our Church building have been completed. An addition has been made, a handsome spire erected, and a fine toned bell been put up; the whole at a cost of over \$1.700. This amount has been raised, with the exception of about \$300, and that is growing less every day. Services have been held twice during every Sunday, and on the principal Festivals of the Church. Of late the Church has been opened also once on Friday, with the service and a lecture. The Holy Communion has been administered once every month. I trust that, under the blessing of God, the Church here is steadily increasing; and not only in number, but in spiritual interest and welfare.

Services have been held also in Christ Church, Allentown, as often as circumstances would permit; and the report of the official acts performed there, will reach you through the Wardens of that Church.

CHRIST CHURCH, BELLEVILLE:*The Rev. Henry Beers Sherman, Rector Elect.*

Families, 71; baptisms, (infants,) 12; confirmed, 6; marriages, 3; communicants, (died and removed, 12; added, 18;) present number, 73; burials, 7; Sunday scholars, (in two schools), 88; Communion alms, \$94.36; missionary and charitable contributions for other than parochial purposes, \$539.74.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RAHWAY:*The Rev. Henry N. Pierce, Rector.*

Baptisms, (adults 9, infants 14), total 23; confirmed, 25; communicants, 90; Communion alms, \$133.51; Domestic Missions, \$52; Foreign, \$8.08; St. Paul's College, Texas, \$21.00; Parochial purposes, \$162.00—\$376.59.

The Parish is in quite a prosperous condition and increasing in numbers, and in good works. Besides the contributions above noticed, a considerable amount has been spent in Church repairs, and the Rector's salary has been raised from \$700 to \$1000 per annum. Services have been held on all the Saints' days, and on almost all two services; and one sermon preached. The attendance has been very good. All our pews are taken, and we begin to look forward to the time when we shall need to enlarge our Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, HOBOKEN:*The Rev. V. Bruce, Rector.*

Families, 96; Individuals, 400; Baptisms, adults 5, children 24), 29, Catechists, 14; Catechumens, 90; Confirmed, 30; Communicants, 65; Marriages, 15; Burials, 11.

Divine service during the year past, has been celebrated on the morning and evening of Sundays; on Wednesday and Friday mornings and evenings, during the early part of Lent: and every morning and evening during Holy Week. A brief discourse, suggested by the service of the day, was delivered on every occasion of evening prayer. The festival of the Ascension was also kept. On the first Sunday of every month the Holy Communion has been celebrated; and also on the festivals of Christmas, Easter, and Whitsunday.

Offerings: support of Sunday School, \$78.86; Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$24.01; Fund for aged and infirm Clergy, \$18.00; towards payment of Church debt and paving of Third street, \$388.06; Foreign Missions of the Church, \$13.00; Domestic Missions of the Church, \$21.00; in aid of sufferers at Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia, \$87.17; in assisting the poor of the Parish, \$140.00; towards securing a Rectory for the Church, \$879.58; total \$1639.68. The items, above mentioned, towards securing a Rectory, is the amount earned or received, thus far, by the Ladies Society of St. Paul's Church, Hoboken. The Society, with the approval of the

Rector, was formed within the past sixteen months. The ladies, during the time, have worked with an energy and zeal worthy of imitation and of all praise. The vestry of the Church, at their last meeting, in a resolution that was passed, says, "Whereas, the Ladies Society has already accomplished results far beyond our hopes, therefore be it resolved that the congratulations of the Vestry be tendered, with the assurance that it will afford the Vestry pleasure to co-operate with the Ladies in the object proposed." It is not unlikely, therefore, before the close of the present year that the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Hoboken, will be in possession of a suitable and comfortable Rectory.

The children of the Parish, after the gospel for the day, have frequently of late been openly instructed in some part of the Church Catechism. The "open" instruction of the children, the Rector is induced to believe, is productive of the happiest results. Though the children, preliminary to the "open" instruction, are under the care of an efficient superintendent and a band of zealous teachers, yet the Rector of the Parish, is the Rector of the School, and is alone responsible for the books as well as the instruction which the children receive. The most encouraging prospects of the Parish are derived from the interest, proficiency, and right direction of the children.

In the congregation there appears to be a desire to co-operate with the Rector in establishing a Parish School. An outlay, in order to carry out the plan proposed, will be required of \$1000 or \$1200 per annum. It may be more; and yet our hope is that St. Paul's Church, Hoboken, will not be long without this great auxiliary. May it soon be; for we are persuaded that no better means for sustaining the Church in Hoboken can be devised or executed.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BEVERLY:

The Rev. Henry Brown, Rector.

Families, 40; Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 3,) 5; Communicants, 73; Marriages, 3; Funerals, 3; Confirmed, 8.

This report is from the 10th of October last, at which time the present Rector took charge. Our Sunday School is increasing and now numbers 150 children. We have commenced the building of a Parsonage. The church has been consecrated and the Rector instituted. In temporal matters our prospects are quite encouraging; and in spiritual things also, it is believed we are not without pleasing evidence that God is with us of a truth.

GRACE CHURCH, NEWARK:

The Rev. H. W. N. Stewart, Rector.

Although a single Presbyter, in a Parish like this, cannot with justice to himself or his parishioners meet as fully as he would wish all the demands of service, duty, and visitation of families; still the

parochial returns of this Parish for this year will show most favorable results. There is no subject on which a Presbyterian should be more loth to give facts and figures a coloring, than the subject of Parochial statistics. Any lengthened experience of the trials and cares of parochial life, will inevitably suggest the question, who is sufficient for these things?

The Baptisms, infant and adult, and the number of persons confirmed, are nearly double what they were last year; the exact returns are as follows: Families and Pewholders, 90; Baptisms, infant 52, adult 10, total 62; confirmed, 23; communicants (last year) 138; died and removed 8; added 20; present number, 150; Marriages, 6; funerals, 12; catechists, 13; catechumens, 161 Sunday, 80 week day, total, 221; books, 201; offerings of the Church, parochial, \$434.39; diocesan and general, \$141.76. Prayers, morning and evening, second service at 10½ on festivals and saint's days. Children in two parish schools, 80; a choir of boys trained to sing from the notes; bible class. I have been informed by a member of my Vestry, that the number of communicants who received on Easter-day was greater than he had known on any former festival in Grace Church. In my Lenten preaching I had directed the minds of my people to the "obtaining a remission of sin and all other benefits of Christ's Passion" in the Easter Eucharist. The large and devout attendance at Easter, is gratifying, as showing the capacity of the people to be instructed. I pray God, that his Word and Sacrament may continue to have free course, and be glorified.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOORESTOWN:

The Rev. H. Hastings Weld, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 10), 11; communicants, (7 removals, and 1 death during the year), 73; marriages, 3; funerals, 8; Of-fertory, \$135.61; Sunday School collections, \$12.30. Of these sums, \$70 were sent to Norfolk for the Orphan Asylum, \$12 to Camden for the families bereaved by the burning of the ferry boat, \$25 were contributed to Missions and Sunday Schools, and the rest expended in charities and parochial uses.

GRACE CHURCH, HADDONFIELD:

The Rev. Samuel W. Hallowell, Minister.

The state of this Parish is truly encouraging. The present incumbent took charge of it on the 1st of September, last year. The number of communicants was 18. At this spring's confirmation 11 more were added, making now 29. Baptisms, children 2, adults 9; marriages, 3; burials 3. There has hitherto been only afternoon service, but now it is likewise held in the mornings, and both are well attended. The Sunday School is in successful operation, and it is in contemplation to erect a room for its better accommodation.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, LAMBERTVILLE:

The Rev. David Brown, Rector and Missionary.

Another year of labor I have to report, and, besides, that death and removals have still continued to thin our ranks, little else than the lapse of time. Of the appeal of last year no relief has come, and there has therefore been all too little done in the Missionary field. The number of communicants remain about the same as at last report. Baptisms, five children. One sad funeral of a most beloved communicant. O for an active young deacon Missionary!

GRACE CHURCH, VAN VOORST, JERSEY CITY:

The Rev. David H. Macurdy, Rector Elect.

Baptisms, (infants 36, adults 3), 39; confirmations, 16; communicants, (died or removed 10, added 23), 140; marriages, 4, funerals, 18; Sunday Schools, catechists 21, catechumens 135, books 400; Offerings—parochial, \$450.38; Diocesan, \$27.95; Norfolk sufferers, \$70.45. Total, \$548 78.

During the past year the windows of the Church have had additional ventilators inserted, and have been protected by coverings of wire gauze, at an expense of \$184.25—for the raising of a part of which sum we were indebted to the industry of a few zealous women. An effort is also being made for the liquidation of the indebtedness incurred by the erection of the new Church edifice. A noble beginning was made by a generous hearted lady's cancelling a bond of \$1000, held by her, against the Church. And her good example has been followed by several other parishioners, with various degrees of liberality. Services as in former years.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEWARK:

The Rev. Julius David Rosé, Missionary.

Since my last report I have continued to provide both St. Matthew's and St. Peter's Churches with services. I preached twice in St. Matthew's, and once in St. Peter's, and taught the Sunday School. In July last, however, my old malady (dysentery) returned and made me unfit for my work, so that I was obliged by the command of my physicians, the entreaties of my beloved wife, and the exhortations of my friends, to seek restoration of my health by taking a sea voyage. After having obtained the consent of my Bishop, and the means for my passage, etc. through the liberality of a few friends, (God bless them, is my prayer and that of my fond family), I set out for my old fatherland, on the 1st day of August, with the two-fold purpose. to seek restoration of my health, and to embrace once more my good old father (a Lutheran clergyman.) and my dear old mother, before they should go to their home eternal.

The Lord granted success to both my designs. My health improved

much, and I saw my dear old parents once more ! As clergyman of the Church, and having left the Lutheran denomination, I was not allowed to perform my clerical functions, but transacted only some academical business, during my stay in Germany, and have been treated at the University not only politely but with great attention.

I returned home in November last, and commenced immediately my work again. The congregations have suffered very much in consequence of my absence, and I had, and have yet, hard work of it. My beloved brother in the Church and friend, Rev. A. Frost, administered for me several times during my absence. I thank him for it.

Although we sustained great losses by death, removing and otherwise, we are doing pretty well.

St. Peter's Church is as yet served by me as a missionary station, and *kept up even at my expense*. This should not be so. It is enough, if the Missionary administer for Christ's sake. In absence of the Rector, I have officiated in Grace Church frequently, during the year.

My salary is very small, so that I found myself obliged again to take hold of private teaching, in order to maintain my family and serve as Missionary to Christ's Church.

My statistics are as follows:—Baptisms, (infants) 24; marriages, 10; burials, 8; communicants, lost by removal, death, or otherwise, 28; added 6, leave about 150. I communed with the dying twice.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, GLOUCESTER CITY.

The Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett, Rector.

Families, 57; Baptisms, (Infant 16, Adults 3,) 19; Marriages, 14; Confirmed, 11; Communicants, added 3, died or removed 9, Present number, 35; Burials, 11; Sunday School, Scholars 43; Teachers, 6; Offerings, \$25,87.

THE HOUSE OF PRAYER:

The Rev. John W. Shackelford, Rector.

On Advent Monday last, I entered upon my duties, as Rector elect of "the House of Prayer." Owing to a variety of causes, the Parish was in a depressed condition, and the future seemed to many dark and uncertain. Convinced, however, that there was a great and important work to be done here, and satisfied from the circumstances under which I was chosen to do it, that it was my duty to come, I entered upon the task in faith. Not quite six months have elapsed, yet the most desponding must, I think, be satisfied that the work is not hopeless.

There are 33 names on the list of Communicants in the Parish register; though a number of these who have since returned to the Church, were not at that time attendants upon the services. There

have been added since December, by removal 7; new, 3; total 10. There have removed from the parish, 3; present number 40; Baptisms, (adults, 1, infants, 10,) total 11; confirmed (in Christ Church, 1,) Marriages, 2; Burials, 4. I found about 20 children in the Sunday School. There are now 80; and this number might be doubled, if efficient teachers could be found. On Advent Sunday, by resolution of the Vestry, the Church was declared henceforth free to all, and putting out of view the principle, which has always seemed to me a vital one, the practical result has been most satisfactory. The poor begin to feel that there is a place for them, and the income of the Church, is double what it would be, if with the present Congregation, the pews were rented. There are voluntary subscriptions amounting to upwards of \$800; and the Sunday Offerings have thus far averaged \$15. The special Offerings have been for Domestic Missions in Advent, \$21.09; Foreign, Sexagesima \$6.38; Parish poor, \$15.85. On the first Monday in Advent, the daily service was re-established.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWARK:

The Rev. R. T. S. Lowell, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, infants 31), 35; confirmed, (at two several times) 10; communicants, (died 1, removed 15, added 17), 75; marriages, 12; funerals, 19. Congregations generally very good; for two or three months past, not quite so good; but filling again. Never better spirit.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SOMERVILLE:

The Rev. J. Henry Black, Rector Elect.

Baptisms, (Children 12, adults, 3,) 15; Confirmed, 2; Communicants, added 15; removed, 3, present number 19; Marriages, 2; Offerings of the Church, apart from those devoted to Parochial purposes, Domestic Missions, \$10.00; Foreign Missions, \$5.09; Colonization Society, \$49.00; Orphans of Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$47.15; Tax for printing Journal, \$2.00.

Since the last report, the congregation has continued steadily to increase, and we have many reasons to bless God and be thankful for his goodness to this infant Parish. During the present year, the number of Communicants has more than trebled, and the Baptisms are but one less than two thirds, as many as have been recorded since the Church was founded.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CAMDEN:

The Rev. Elvin K. Smith, Missionary.

Your Missionary, to St. John's Church, Camden, respectfully reports the following Summary, for the past year :

There have been Baptised 38, infants and children; and 7 of riper years, and able to answer for themselves; in all 45. Sixteen persons have been Confirmed; 8 Communicants have removed; 8 deceased; 2 have been added; the present number is 81. I have solemnised 3 marriages; attended 19 funerals; and 3 times used the office for "the Churching of women." The weekly Offertory has yielded for the Parish poor, and charities, \$56.00; for the Episcopal Fund, \$14.00; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, \$5.00; Building Fund \$205.00; General Missions, \$13.00; in all, \$293.00.

The services on weekdays have been of greater frequency than ever before. Some of the women of the Parish, who are "full of good works, and alms deeds," have helped me much in my care of the poor; and have also rendered valuable aid, by their labours "for the House of God, and for the offices thereof." The children, have taken in hand to procure a bell, for the long vacant belfry. Who will help us to obtain worthy furniture for the Altar of the Lord? It must be still said, as a year ago, "we have no fitting Communion plate."

The weekday school for girls, now more than two years in operation, faithfully served by a devoted daughter of the Church, and with constant Pastoral oversight, and almost daily Pastoral teaching; is quietly doing an excellent work, for the Parish, and for the cause of godly learning. Its pupils have varied in number, according to the season, from 20 to 50. The existence of such a school, with us, shows its possible maintenance anywhere. Its results, here, make a strong argument, for practical Churchmen, and for utilitarian statesmen, to establish such schools everywhere.

CHURCH, OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HUDSON CITY:

Rev. N. W. Camp, D. D. Rector Elect.

The Rector elect, was called to the charge of this Church in August, 1855, and accepted the same in September following. There are at present, 35 families connected with this Parish, and 42 Communicants. There are registered 168 Sunday School scholars, and 12 Teachers. Exclusive of salaries, the sum of \$349.03; has been collected in the Parish, since last September, and expended as follows, viz.

Repairs of the Church, and improvement of the grounds, \$148.93; To replace gown, altar cloth, &c., (stolen,) 60.00; Interest on Church debt, \$60.00; for Sunday School Library, &c., \$26.00; for Sufferers at Norfolk, and Portsmouth, Va., \$21.85; Foreign Mis-

sions, \$11.37; Domestic Missions, \$10.48; Episcopal Fund, \$8.40; Convention Assessment, \$2.00; total \$349.03. In addition to the above, I learn from the Treasurer, that the sum of \$32.66; was collected for repairs, &c., of the Church, previously to 1st of May 1855, but, in as much as it was not expended, it was probably not reported last year. This sum added to the above will make the total of the reported collections for the past Conventional year, \$381.69. This sum is also exclusive of the regular collections which are taken on every occasion of celebrating Divine worship. The money thus raised, is appropriated to the current expenses of the Church. Since my connection with the Parish, there have been 3 Baptisms; 6 burials; 5 marriages; and 4 persons confirmed.

The Church grounds, have been enclosed by a durable and handsome fence. On or about the night of the 3d of April last, the Church was entered, and the gown, altar cloth, &c., were stolen. They have never been recovered.

On the morning of Feb. 15, Henry Drayton, late Junior Warden of this Church, was taken to a better world, after a protracted illness, which was borne with a great degree of christian fortitude. He died, as he had lived, a consistent christian; and his removal hence was a great loss to the Church, and to this community. He was among the first of that small number of devoted churchmen, who organized this Parish, and during his life, he was prominent and active in laboring for its establishment, and prosperity. Appropriate resolutions were unanimously passed by the Vestry, and the same were published in several religious and secular news papers.

On the night of last Easter Monday, during Divine Service, preparatory to the regular and Annual Meeting of the Parish, the late Thomas Aldridge, was struck down with Apoplexy, and after lingering for a few hours apparently without suffering, was released from this earth. Mr. A. was early interested in the organization of this Parish, and, at the time of his decease, was a regular worshipper, and communicant. He was a worthy man, kind neighbor, and a devoted christian.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DOVER:

Rev. Chas. Fred'k. Hoffman, Missionary.

Baptisms (adults, 5, infants, 11) 16; Confirmed, 4; Communicants, added anew, 5, received into the Parish, 10, 18; Churchings, 1; funerals, 2; Sunday School, Catechists, 3; Catechumens, 80; Offerings, Domestic Missions, \$22.06; aged and infirm Clergy of the Diocese, \$16.75; Foreign Missions, \$8.41; Theological Institution, at Nashotah, \$28.81; Domestic Missions, of the Diocese, \$23.25; New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, \$6.04; Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, \$6.49; Parochial purposes \$56.31; In addition to the above, contributions have been made by persons

connected with the Parish, which, if added to the Offerings, amount to about \$400.00; the Missionary's salary, for the coming year, has been increased.

A beautiful silver alms basin, has been presented to the Church, by a layman of the Parish; and we are now raising the funds to provide ourselves with suitable music.

Rt. Rev. Father; at your request, I came to Morris Town, during the latter part of June, in the present Conventional year, in order, to take charge of St. John's Church, Dover; St. Mark's Church, Basking Ridge; and the Rockaway Mission. The above report, shows the first of these to be in a better condition, at present, than ever heretofore. At the beginning of my ministrations in that place, the Church, had lain in a dormant state, for some time, as no services had been held, for about a year, consequently, many had lost their confidence in its perpetuity, and it was a long time before it was restored. We still worship in an upper room, although the congregation has been steadily increasing. We hope, however, before long, to have a "House of Prayer." Our plan is, to carry out the "Free Church System." We are now looking for a suitable teacher, to assist us in establishing a Parish School, in connection with the Church. We offer to secure, a competent man, \$500, and a house, if a layman; and if a Clergyman, six or seven hundred per annum.

Before closing this report, mention should be made of the zealous efforts, and untiring interest, which Mr. Henry McFarlen, in his modest way, has sustained towards the prosperity of the Parish, He is a blessing to the Church and place.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEWARK:

Rev. H. Goodwin, Rector.

Families represented, about 100; communicants, (added 33, removed and deceased 10), 110; baptisms, (adult 3, infants 32,) 35; the amount of money contributed during the year, \$1244.00.

The Sunday School Register for the year reports 272 attendants. The Parish schools have, during the year, given united Christian and secular instruction to 129 scholars, and have maintained their ground, notwithstanding the extraordinary efforts which have been made in our city to bring all children into the Public Schools.

The morning and evening prayers of the Church have been offered throughout the year; and the Holy Communion has been administered on each Lord's Day, and on the greater festivals.

The labours of the Associate Minister of the Parish, Rev. J. H. Smith, we cannot appreciate too highly. He is always at his post, and always fills it well. He not only has the supervision of our excellent Parish schools; but during the winter, with a characteristic spirit of self-sacrifice, he originated and instructed a Free Night School for the young people of the community, who during the day were engaged in work.

We have not yet commenced the erection of our additional and much needed Church edifice. At the close of this year, as at the last, we report that worshippers have come and gone, not finding seats. With sufficient Church accommodations, there is perhaps, no locality in New Jersey which gives promise of a numerically stronger Parish. Within what may be considered its territorial limits, there are, it is estimated, ten thousand inhabitants.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH:

The Rev. Eugene Augustus Hoffman, Rector ;

The Rev. Joseph Shepherd Mayers, Rector's Assistant.

Baptisms, (adults, 6, infants, 42,) 48; Churchings, 3; Confirmed, 5; Communicants, (removed, 10, deceased, 3, added, 24,) 76; Marriages, 5; Funerals, 13; Sunday School, Catechists, 20, Catechumens, 174; Parish Schools, (classical, 18, infant, 25,) 43; District Visitors, 17; Offerings, (support of the Clergy, and expenses of the Parish, \$772.55; Poor, \$121.77; Sunday School, \$58.01; Parochial Schools, \$304.29; Domestic Missions, \$156.50; Foreign Missions, \$16.00; sundry small objects, \$7.71:) Total, \$1436.81.

The close of the third year of this Parish finds its prosperity increasing in all that appertains to active parochial work. A stone Rectory, at a cost of \$8000, has been completed, and is now occupied by the Rector of the Parish. It could scarcely have been better planned for the purposes for which it has been erected.

The daily morning and evening prayer, and three services on each Lord's day, have been continued with but a few necessary intermissions. The Holy Communion is administered weekly during Advent and Lent, on all the greater Festivals and Fasts of the Church, on Thanksgiving Day, and on the third Sunday of each month. The number of those who regularly partake of its "heavenly food" is very encouraging, scarcely any difference in this respect being perceptible between its monthly and weekly celebration. A sermon is preached on every Friday of Advent and Lent; and a lecture delivered at the evening prayer preceding all Saints' Days. All the children of the Parish are catechized "openly in the Church," after the evening prayer on each Lord's Day; and the children of the Parochial Schools, during the week, after the morning prayer.

The Parochial Schools are gradually, but steadily, doing that work for the Church, which they alone can accomplish. More than one instance has occurred which has fully repaid for all the toil and trouble they have cost. The Rector cannot but regard them as the most important part of the parochial organization.

The ladies of the Parish have engaged, under the Rector's direction, in a system of district visiting. The whole parish is divided into districts, each of which is assigned to two visitors. Their duty has been to search for the sick, poor and impotent people of their

respective districts, and to see that their wants are relieved. Cases of spiritual need are reported to the Clergy, and all alms are distributed under the supervision and direction of the Rector. The results of the past year have fully shown the benefits of such a system. It has been blessed to those that gave, and to those that have received.

The plan of Free Seats has prospered beyond the most sanguine expectations. The Offerings for the past year have exceeded the sum that would have been realized, had every pew in the Chapel been rented, *by more than one hundred dollars*. And the system is daily growing in favor with the parishioners, as the amount of the annual offerings for the past three years fully prove :

In 1853-4, they were \$705.02,

In 1854-5, they were \$1155.56,

In 1855-6, they were \$1365.09.

“Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give the praise.”

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MILLVILLE, IN MILLBURN:

The Rev. Eugene Aug's. Hoffman, Missionary.

Baptisms, (adult 1, infant 10,) 11; confirmed, 2; communicants, 25; marriages, 1; Sunday School, Catechumens, 50; offerings, (parochial purposes, \$372.99; font and communion plate, \$63.05; Yellow fever sufferers at Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$17.50; Sunday School, \$25.00). Total, \$478.54.

During the past year the Church has been completed, at a cost of about \$9000, furnished, entirely paid for, and consecrated. The Church, with its timber all of solid oak, is one of the most beautiful of our country Churches, and the chaste beauty of its interior is surpassed by few in the Diocese. The temporal affairs of the Parish, in the hands of a few earnest laymen, are in a most prosperous condition. Since the consecration, the Church has been regularly supplied, each Lord's Day, by the Rev. Dr. Berry, Rector of St. Ann's Hall, Orange, whose services have been very acceptable to the people. As soon as a resident Rector can be secured, the congregation will enter on the building of a Rectory within a short distance of the Church. The Church, which seats three hundred persons, is nearly filled at every service, and the increase of the congregation will soon require the enlargement of the building, which was contemplated in the original design.

GRACE CHURCH, ELIZABETHPORT:

The Rev. Joseph Shepherd Mayers, Missionary.

Baptisms, infants, 8; communicants, 20; marriage, 1; Sunday School, children, 75; offerings, \$138.11.

The Rev. J. D. Moore ceased to officiate in this Parish on 22d June, 1855. The Rev. J. S. Mayers entered on his duties as Mis-

sionary, on 18th November, which he continued until the first of May, when he requested leave of absence for one year, to visit his father, in the West Indies. The Rev. E. A. Hoffman, Rector of Christ Church, has undertaken to supply the services till his return. The Parish has suffered greatly from death in its fold, and the frequent change of Ministers to which it has been subjected. Still its little flock cling together, as those that feel towards the Church as St. Peter did to JESUS CHRIST. "LORD, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of Eternal Life."

TRINITY CHURCH, HOBOKEN:

The Rev. N. Sayre Harris.

Families about 55; 12, entire families, and several individuals, lost by removal; Baptisms; 1 adult, 12 infants, total 13; Confirmed, 2; Communicants, 69; Sunday School, Male Teachers, 3; Female 8, total 11; scholars males 4; females 37; total 71; average attendance of scholars, 33; collections for Missionary and other purposes (net Alms) \$97.45; Number of volumes in Parish Sunday School Library 590; The above is taken from the Register and from memoranda, left by the late Rector, Rev. John. W. Clark, who much to the regret of all concerned resigned May 20. The connection of the undersigned with the Parish dates from that day. Church building in progress.

GRACE CHURCH, ORANGE:

The Rev. James S. Bush, Rector-Elect.

The above named Parish, was organized in March, 1854, by a number of Communicants, and Parishioners of St. Mark's Church, in Orange; with the consent and approval of their Rector, the Rev. James A. Williams. Messrs. Jesse Williams, and Philander J. Bodwell were elected Wardens; the latter of whom provided at his own expense, a public Hall, for the services of the new Church, during the ensuing year.

The Rev. Dr. Berry of Orange, engaged as the first Minister of the Church, continued in that relation until January 1855; discharging its duties laboriously, and in a manner highly acceptable to the congregation. This continued to increase, until the success of the Parish was placed beyond all doubt, and it became evident that a commodious Church edifice, was needed to meet its growing wants. Under the ministrations of Dr. B., the rite of Holy Baptism, was administered to four persons, (2 adults and 2 infants), and the rite of Confirmation to eleven persons.

Dr. Berry's successor, was the Rev. Dr. Chapman, whose instructive, and eloquent preaching, fully sustained the general interest in the new Parish. He continued his ministration, until the 2nd day of July 1855, at which time the undersigned assumed the

duties of Rector. At the date last named the Communicants of Grace Church, so far as could be ascertained, numbered fifty seven, (57). There having been no record of Parishioners' names, their number cannot be given. The room in which the services were held will seat about 250 persons, and at the evening service, it was generally filled. At least one third of this attendance, however, was of transient persons. A flourishing Sunday School, numbering about fifty scholars, and twelve teachers, was under the superintendence of Mr. Wm. Cleveland.

The Parish, by God's blessing, has continued to prosper. On the 18th of October, 1855, Confirmation was administered to eighteen (18) persons, and on the 20th of Jan. 1856, to seventeen (17) more. Of the persons Confirmed, twenty eight have been admitted to the Holy Communion, prior to the first Sunday in April, sixteen (16) other Communicants had been added; one had died, and seven (7) had removed; making the number of Communicants at that date, ninety three (93). Baptism has been administered, privately, to one (1) infant—publicly, to thirty-four (34) infants, and fifteen (15) adults—total 50; since July last. There have been seven (7) burials, and one (1) marriage. The number of Parishioners cannot yet be given exactly; the sittings in the place of worship having been free, and the attendance and support of many, irregular.

A fine site has been purchased at a cost of \$3300; toward the payment of which, and the erection of a Church thereon, nearly \$11,000; have already been subscribed. The estimated cost of the edifice (to be built entirely of stone), is about \$14,000. During the year ending Monday in Easter week, there was contributed through the Offertory \$539.59; for the support of the Church, and \$60.00; for Domestic Missions; other donations for the support of the Church, amounted to \$226.76; \$120.00—were contributed toward a font, and the sum of \$330.00; was realized as the net proceeds of a sale and Festival, conducted by the ladies of the Parish.

GRACE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD:

The Rev. Philemon E. Coe, Rector elect.

Communicants, 23; baptized, adult 1, infants, 2; confirmed, 8; marriages, 2; burials, 2; children catechized, 21; families, 20.

Within the year an organ has been purchased at the cost of 295 dollars. Debts of the Church to the amount of \$250 have been paid. This Parish, being young and feeble, and in debt, has not given any thing for Church objects, beyond its bounds. The Parish has not been favored with any marked growth; but it is gradually gaining strength and influence; and when it is considered that little more than four years since, scarcely a churchman could be found in this vicinity, great reason exists for thanksgiving and encouragement.

If some generous friends would help remove the remaining debts of the Society, it would be established on a permanent basis.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, LONG BRANCH.

The Rev. Harry Finch, Rector.

This Church was so far finished as to be consecrated, on Friday the 17th Aug., last, since which time, there has been Divine Service in it every Sunday afternoon, with two or three exceptions, occasioned by the inclemency of the weather: and for several Sundays after its consecration, the Rev. Mr. Salter, of Canada West, and the Rev. Mr. Du Pui, of Philadelphia, officiated in the morning. The Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane, D. D. L. L. D. at the time of the Consecration, and at his Annual Visitation, in April last. The congregation, since the Church was opened, has been good and gradually increasing. It is entirely new ground; very few of the inhabitants having any knowledge of the Doctrine, Worship and Discipline, of the Church. But there is considerable anxiety manifested by some to be informed, and a laudable effort to unite in our responsive Worship: and I trust the time is not distant, when this little Church will be filled with worshippers, residents of Long Branch. I desire to record in this report, the responsibility cheerfully assumed, and the unremitting assiduity and labour in the erection of this Church, by Mr. Henry Howland, the well known proprietor of one of the principal boarding houses, at Long Branch. His generosity from the commencement, to the present time, is worthy of particular praise; and his kind attentions to the Bishop, the Rector, and the Clergy, who assembled at the Consecration, and who have since officiated there, will be long and gratefully remembered.

ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH, ROSEVILLE, NEWARK:

The Rev. William Augustin Leach, Rector elect.

Since my last report, I have been officiating regularly in this Parish. During this period there have been baptisms, infants, 38; confirmations, 7; communicants, removed, 6, added, 4; marriages, 2; funerals, 3. Divine Service has been celebrated twice every Lord's Day and also on the festivals, fasts and Saints' Days of the Church. The congregation still increases, with a steady growth.

GRACE CHURCH, MADISON:

The Rev. Samuel Randall, Rector.

Families and Pew-holders, 35; Communicants, 24; Baptisms, (infant) 3; Marriages, 2; Burials, 0; Sunday School, Teachers, 8, Scholars, 40; Offerings of the Church, for Missionary and kindred purposes, \$44.36; for Parochial purposes, including sums collected in Church for furnishing the new Church edifice, \$202.16; Total, \$246.52.

The new Church was opened on Sunday, April 13th, at which

time the present Rector entered upon his duties. The Church is built of granite, in the early English style, and has about 250 sittings. The prospects of the Parish are highly encouraging.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, MORRISTOWN:

The Rev. J. H. Tyng, Minister.

As this is a "free Church," no proper estimate of *families* can well be made. The attendance is tolerably full. For the same reason the exact number of members communing can scarcely be computed. The proportionate number of these, however, is on the average, quite encouraging. During the year, there have been three or four baptisms, and no burials.

Collections at the Offertory, monthly, constitute the only income—which is liberal and sufficient. Those on Christmas and Easter are appropriated to charitable purposes. The interest of the Sunday School is devoted to the African Mission.

Missionary and other Reports.

THE REV. A. FROST'S REPORT.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir :

In obedience to the Canons of the Church, you are duly informed, that, since June 1st, A. D. 1855, I performed, D. A. both in St. Mary's Church, and at the College, and in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents, such services, as were desired.

During the same period, I officiated also in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, Diocese of Pennsylvania ; and in the Parishes of Glassborough and Newark, at the request of the respective Pastors, twelve times. I baptised four children ; I buried two persons ; and I administered the Sacrament of the Holy Communion twice.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, NEWARK.

My engagements during the past year, have been much the same as in years previous. As Rector Elect, of St. Philip's Church, I report stated services twice on Sundays, for the year past, with one or two exceptions. Baptized children, 3 ; Confirmed, 5 ; Communicants, received 3, in all 15 ; Marriage, 1 ; Burials, 2 ; Sunday School scholars, 12 ; Teachers, 3.

J. Smith, Missionary.

THE REV. MR. JAKUES' REPORT.

My Dear Bishop : During the last conventional year, I have continued to officiate regularly twice on Sundays, and to read the daily morning and evening prayers on week days, in the Chapel of St. Matthew's Hall, at this place. The festivals and fasts have all been observed with their appropriate services. The Church Offerings have been made monthly, and have been appropriated to local objects. I have baptized one infant, married one couple, and attended one funeral. The number of communicants is five.

P. L. Jaques, Missionary at Port Colden.

ST. MARY'S HALL, BURLINGTON:

Right Rev'd. Sir :—Since the last Convention, I have to report: Baptisms of adults 11, infants 1, 12 ; Confirmations, 41 ; admitted to the Holy Communion, 5.

D. C. Millett, Principal, Chaplain, &c.

CHRIST CHURCH, WOODBURY:

Baptisms, (infant 2, adults 2,) 4; confirmed, 3; communicants, added, 2, present number, 29; burials, 2.

The Church building which was begun about eleven months ago, is nearly finished. It is a substantial and handsome edifice, and will furnish accommodations for three hundred worshippers. It is earnestly hoped that it may be consecrated this summer. We have good reason to believe that our congregation will rapidly increase after we begin to worship in the Church.

William Herbert Norris, Missionary.

THE REV. MR. MOORE'S REPORT.

My dear Bishop,

After officiating for a few weeks at Knowlton, Belvidere and Hope, I was obliged by a severe attack of illness to relinquish the charge. Since my recovery, I have been officiating at Elizabeth and Bloomfield.

Your's faithfully,

J. D. Moore.

THE REV. DAVID CLARKSON'S REPORT.

Right Reverend and Dear Sir:

Since my return to this Garrison, on the 15th of May last, I have had Baptisms, infants, 3; Marriages, 3; and Funerals, 66. Out of the 66 funerals, 57 took place from the 24th July to the 12th of August, when the Cholera prevailed at our Fort.

I am very respectfully, your obd't serv't.

David Clarkson, Chaplain U. S. A.

At Fort Riley, Kansas Territory.

THE REV. N. PETTIT'S REPORT.

My annual ministerial report, is respectfully submitted. On Sundays morning and evening I have officiated in Christ Church Newton, and in the afternoons, held service at two other points, in the county alternately, for a large part of the year. I have performed 16 funeral services; married 11 couples; and baptised 6 adults, and 11 infants.

ROCKAWAY MISSION:

Baptisms, (infants 2,) 2; confirmed, 2; Communicants, (added anew, 1; received, 5; removed, 1;) 6; Offerings, Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, \$18.37½; New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, \$4.20; Parochial purposes, \$29.11; Subscriptions for Parochial purposes, \$250.00; (sixty of which has been paid;) total, \$301.68.

Rt. Rev. Father;

At your request, I took this Mission, under my pastoral care, simultaneously with St. John's Church, Dover; since which time,

we have worshipped in the public school house, which was tastefully fitted up for this purpose, by the founder of the Mission. The room we occupy, which covers the ground floor, is generally filled, and, at times, crowded to excess. There are but few Episcopalians in the place, but a very large number of the residents have become deeply interested in the Church, and her unsurpassed and beautiful services. One noble hearted man, who had been heretofore a stranger to the Church, and who resides two miles distant, came forward of his own accord, and offered to be one of ten, for either two or four thousand dollars, to build a Temple to the Lord. Another, a member of the Church, has promised us \$500. Many others, stand ready when called upon, to be equally generous, according to the means with which God has blessed them.

Mr. Upjohn, of New York, has submitted to us, plans for a stone Church, which if accepted by the building committee, and carried out, will be an ornament to the place, an honor to its citizens, and the architect, and more than all, a fitting tribute of respect, to Him for whose glory it is intended.

It would not be just to close this report, without making honorable mention of our devoted son, in the Church, Dr. George Hand Smith. He was the first to commence the services in this place, and had gathered, in every sense, a very respectable congregation, before it was placed under my pastoral care. The Mission owes much of its success to him. Our plan is to carry out the "Free Church System."

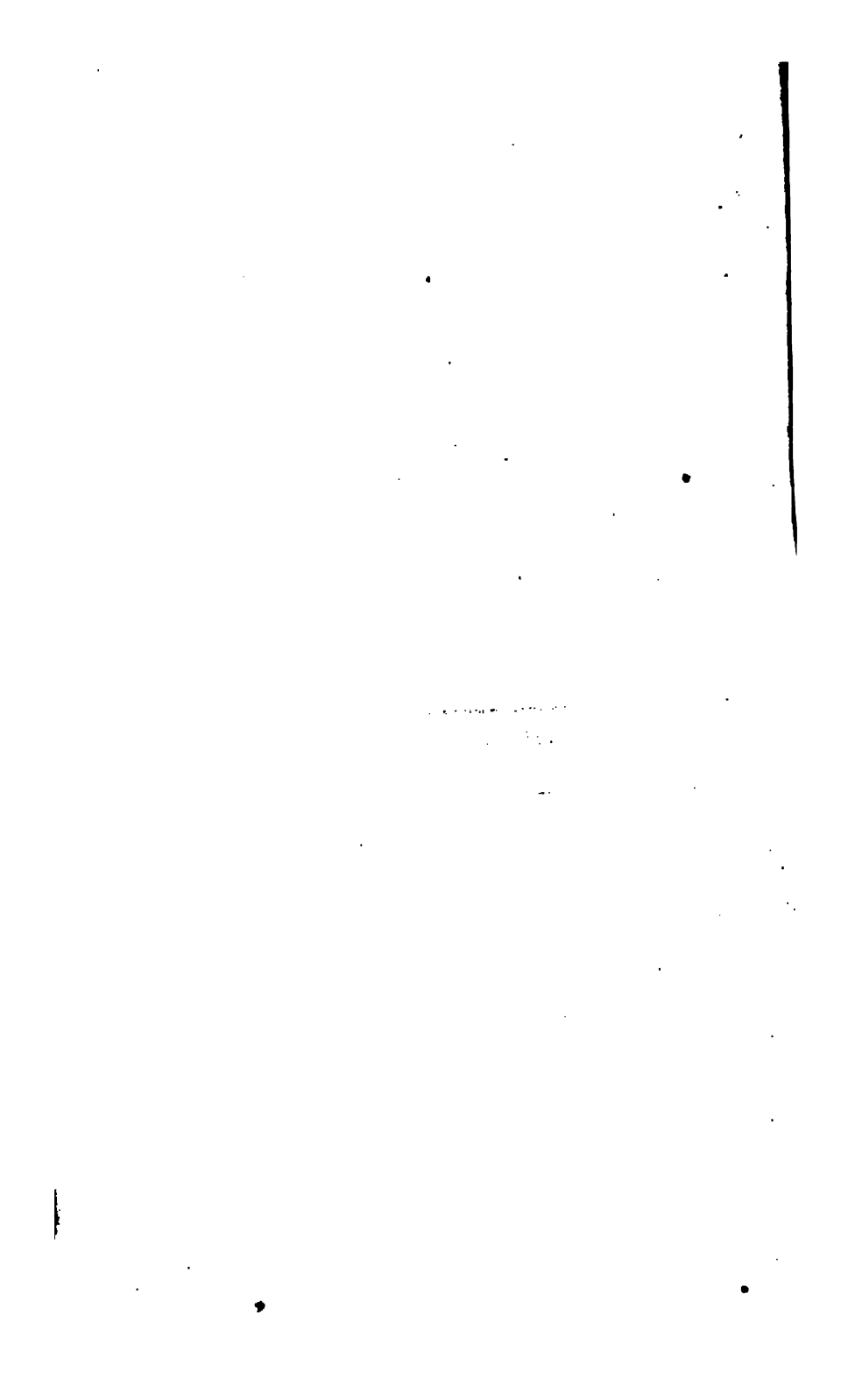
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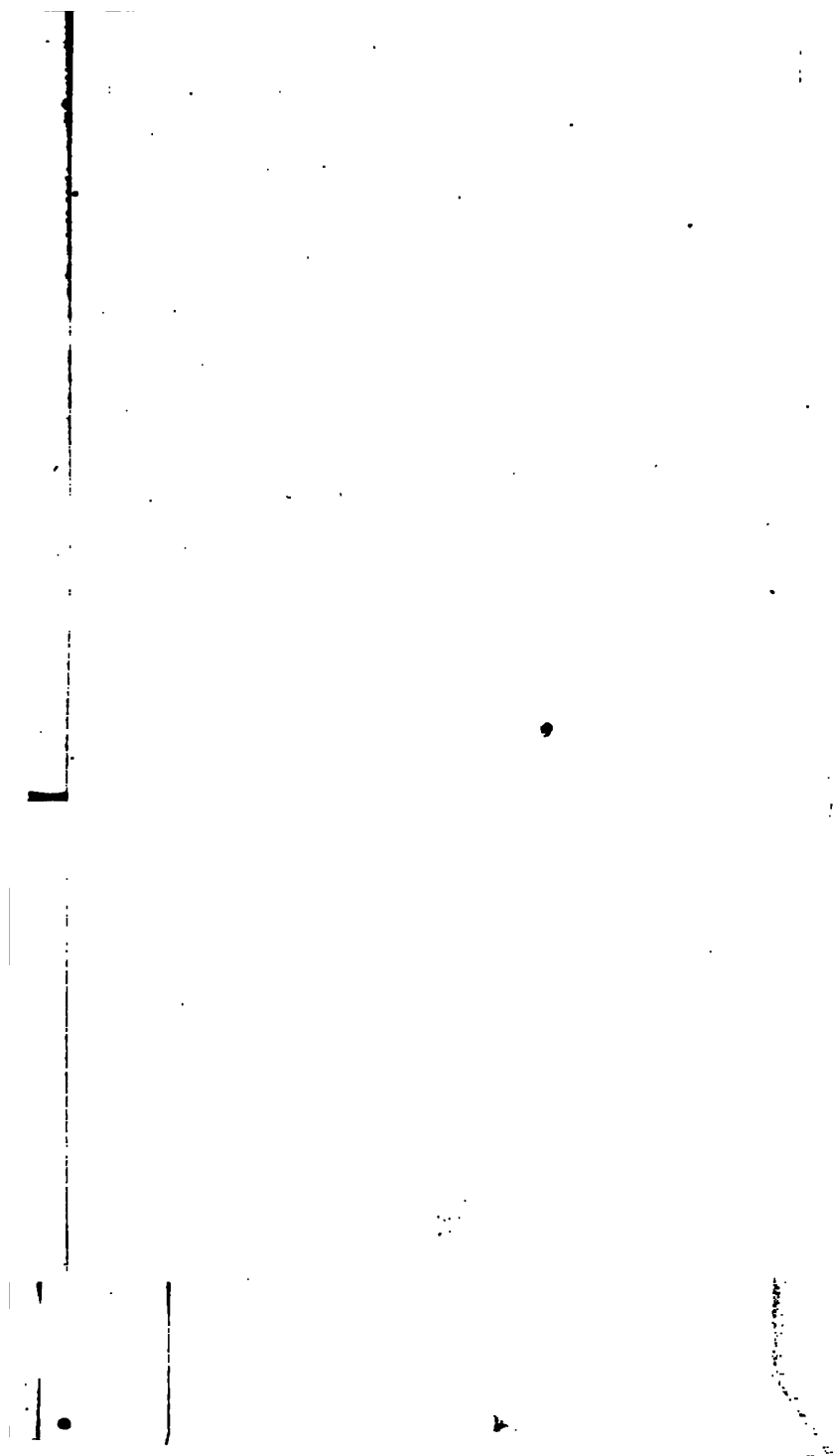
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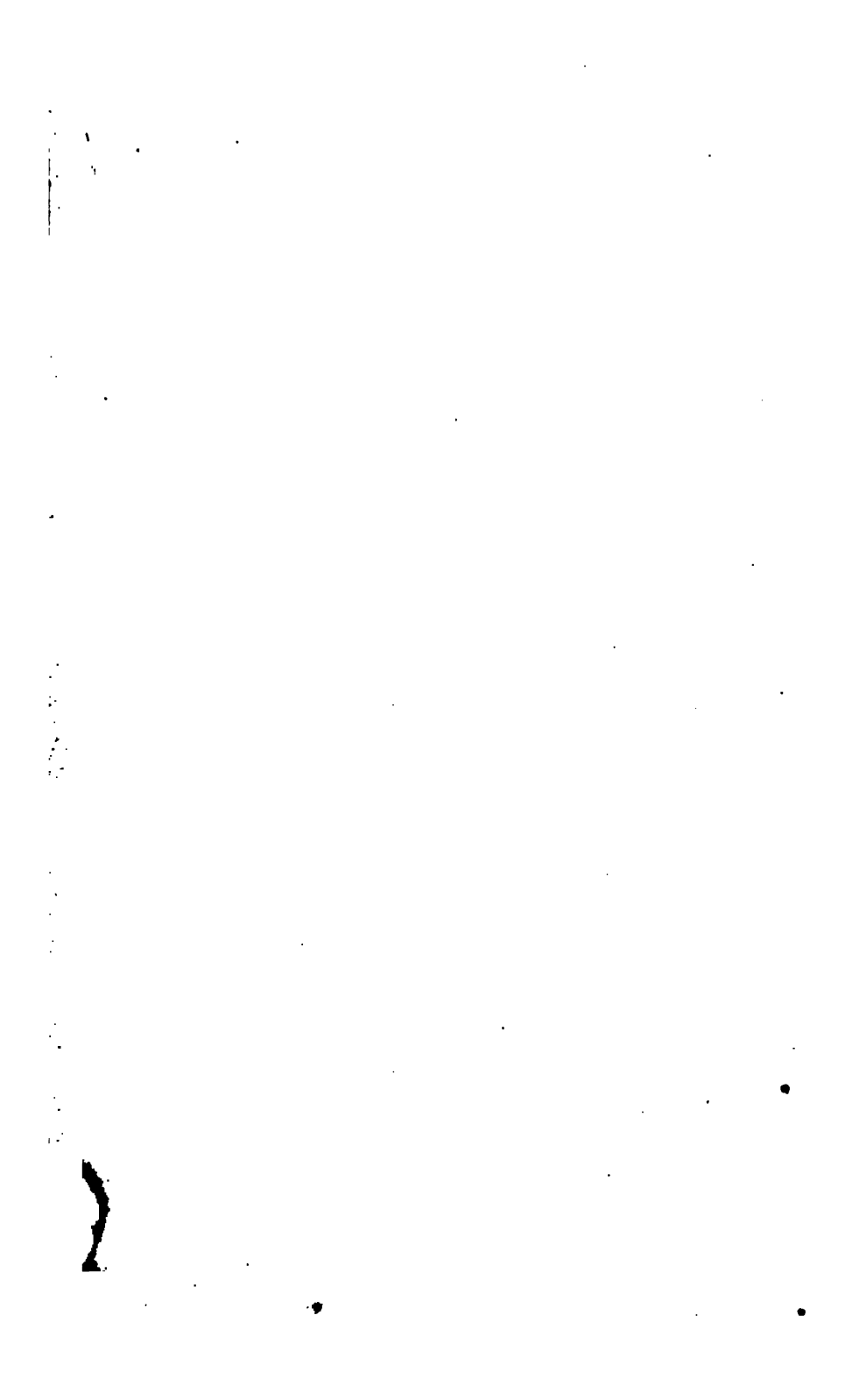
Communicants, 6 ; Offerings, and subscriptions, Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, \$5.00 ; Parochial purposes, \$75.66 ; total, \$80.66 ; The Congregation at this place is generally quite small. The Church, here, as well as in Dover, had been deprived of services, a long time before it was placed under my charge. At present, one of the great drawbacks to the growth of the congregation, is its distance from my other parishes (being from 17 to 20 miles), thus rendering me unable to give them services on the Lord's day. They are consequently all held on week days ; I hope, however, to make more satisfactory arrangements, during the coming summer.

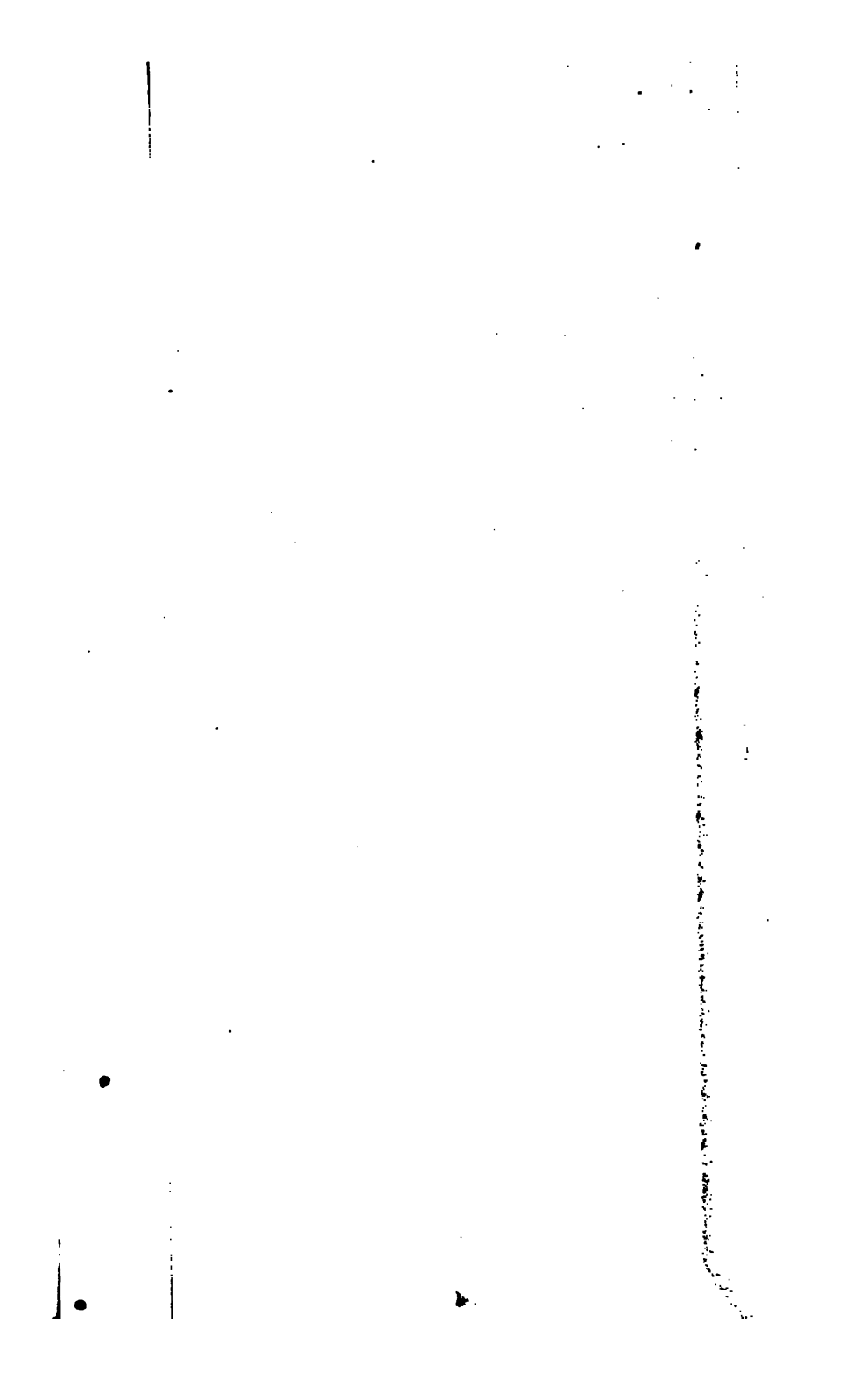
I commenced services in this place on the 13th of last September ; since when a neat fence has been put up in front of the Church, and painted ; along which ornamental trees have been placed. A large portion of the nave floor of the Church has been covered with an appropriate, and handsome carpet. The windows have been repaired. A new prayer desk has been placed in the chancel. Two altar cushions, and some beautiful book marks, (worked by the ladies of the Parish) have been presented ; and the building has been fitted up with lamps, for evening services. The Church is free.

Charles Frederick Hoffman, Missionary.









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Diocese of New Jersey:

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IN

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON,

ON

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CANON II.

OF THE TESTIMONIALS TO BE GIVEN TO LAY DEPUTIES.

Lay Deputies to the Convention shall present written certificates of their election, in the following, or some similar, form :

[*Name of the Church, the place, and date.*]

This certifies, that, at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or *for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention*, if the meeting be for that purpose alone,) A. B., C. D., and E. F., were duly chosen, to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or, if two of the Wardens subscribe, *we have set our hands*,) the day and year above written ;

Which certificate shall be signed by the Rector, the Secretary of the Vestry, or by two Wardens ; AND BE TRANSMITTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE VESTRY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION, AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION : and the above form shall be annually inserted in the printed Journal of the Convention.

In order to secure this, the Secretary will forward a blank form to every Parish ; and earnestly asks the prompt attention of the Clergy.

DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY:

LIST OF THE CLERGY;

27 May, 1857.

[Those marked * were present, at the Convention.]

The Right Reverend *GEORGE WASHINGTON DOANE, D. D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese; President of Burlington College; Rector of St. Mary's Hall; and of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. *GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

The Rev. *CLARKSON DUNN, Missionary in Union County.

The Rev. *HARRY FINCH, Rector of Christ Church, Shrewsbury; and Christ Church, Middletown; with St. James' Church, Long Branch; and Trinity Chapel, Red Bank.

The Rev. NORMAN NASH.

The Rev. *PETER L. JAQUES, Missionary, officiating in St. Luke's Church, Phillipsburg.

The Rev. *JAMES A. WILLIAMS, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Orange.

The Rev. *ALFRED STUBBS, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick.

The Rev. *SAMUEL W. HALLOWELL, Minister of Grace Church, Haddonfield.

The Rev. CHARLES JAMES STERLING.

The Rev. DAVID CLARKSON, Chaplain in the United States' Army, Fort Riley, Nebraska Territory.

The Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN.

The Rev. JAMES H. TYNG, Rector elect of the Church of the Redeemer, Morristown.

The Rev. *HENRY B. SHERMAN, Rector elect of Christ Church, Belleville.

The Rev. *J. D. MOORE, Missionary, officiating in Grace Church, Elizabeth.

The Rev. ADOLPH FROST.

The Rev. *JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood.

The Rev. R. T. S. LOWELL, Rector of Christ Church, Newark.

The Rev. ANDREW MACKIE.

The Rev. *JAMES J. BOWDEN, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.

The Rev. *JULIUS DAVID ROSE, Ph. D., Missionary, officiating in St. Matthew's (German) Church, Newark.

The Rev. JOHN A. PARSONS.

The Rev. *NATHANIEL PETTIT, Missionary in Sussex County, Rector elect of Christ Church, Newton.

The Rev. *D. H. MACURDY, Rector elect of Grace Church, Van Vorst, in Jersey City.

The Rev. S. STEBBINS STOCKING, Rector of St. Mark's Hall, Orange.

The Rev. *SAMUEL C. STRATTON.

The Rev. *MARCUS F. HYDE, Professor of Ancient Languages, and Instructor in Sacred Criticism and Patristics, in Burlington College.

The Rev. *DAVID BROWN, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Amwell, at Lambertville.

The Rev. ELI WHEELER.

The Rev. PHILEMON E. COE, Missionary, officiating in Grace Church, Plainfield.

The Rev. *ELVIN K. SMITH, Missionary, officiating in St. John's Church, Camden.

The Rev. *HANNIBAL GOODWIN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newark.

The Rev. *VANDERVOORT BRUCE, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Hoboken.

The Rev. JOSHUA D. BERRY, D.D., Rector of St. Anne's Hall, Orange.

The Rev. JOSHUA SMITH, Missionary, Rector elect of St. Philip's Church, Newark.

The Rev. *EUGENE AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth.

The Rev. N. W. CAMP, D.D., Rector elect of Holy Trinity Church, Hudson.

The Rev. *J. L. MAXWELL, officiating in Christ Church, Allentown.

The Rev. *R. N. MERRITT, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

The Rev. *R. M. MITCHESON, officiating in the Church of the Ascension, Gloucester.

The Rev. ALEXANDER JONES, D.D., Rector elect of St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy.

The Rev. *HORATIO HASTINGS WELD, Rector of Trinity Church, Moorestown.

The Rev. *EDWARD AUGUSTUS FOGGO, Rector of Christ Church, Bordentown.

The Rev. EDWARD O. FLAGG.

The Rev. *WILLIAM HERBERT NORRIS, Missionary, Minister of Christ Church, Woodbury; officiating in St. Thomas' Church, Glassborough.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. SMITH, Missionary, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's Church, Newark.

The Rev. *HENRY N. PIERCE, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Rahway.

The Rev. *SAMUEL CLEMENTS, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. *WILLIAM D. HANSON, Rector of Trinity Church, Princeton.

The Rev. *MILO MAHAN, D.D., St. Mark's Church in the Bowery Professor of Ecclesiastical History, in the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. *JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Rector of the House of Prayer, Newark.

The Rev. *JAMES S. BUSH, Rector elect of Grace Church, Orange.

The Rev. *CHARLES F. HOFFMAN, Curate of St. Mary's Church, Burlington; Missionary, officiating in Trinity Church, Fairview, and other places in Burlington County.

The Rev. *WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE, B.D., Chaplain to the Bishop; Priest of the Free Mission Chapel of St. Barnabas; Adjunct Professor of English Literature, and Instructor in Christian Evidences and Liturgics, in Burlington College.

The Rev. JOSEPH S. MAYERS, Missionary, Minister of Grace Church, Elizabethport.

The Rev. *HOBART CHETWOOD, B.D., Rector of Burlington College; and Instructor in Church History and Dogmatic Theology.

The Rev. *WILLIAM J. ZIMMER, Rector of Trinity Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. *SAMUEL A. CLARK, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth.

The Rev. *HENRY BROWN, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wil-
lingborough, in Beverly.

The Rev. FRANCIS R. J. LIGHTBOURNE, Rector of St. Peter's
Church, Freehold.

The Rev. SAMUEL RANDALL, Rector elect of Grace Church,
Madison.

The Rev. J. TREADWELL WALDEN, Minister of Trinity Church,
Newark.

The Rev. *N. SAYRE HARRIS, Rector elect of Trinity Church,
Hoboken.

The Rev. WILLIAM A. LEACH, officiating in St. Barnabas'
Church, Roseville, Newark.

The Rev. HORACE L. EDGAR PRATT.

The Rev. *CHARLES S. LITTLE, officiating in St. Stephen's
Church, South Amboy.

The Rev. *JOSEPH FITHIAN GARRISON, M. D., Rector of St.
Paul's Church, Camden.

The Rev. *HORACE H. REID, Rector of St. Stephen's Church,
Millville, in Millburn.

The Rev. JOHN KELLY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Paterson.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. CARTER, officiating in St. Thomas'
Church, Vernon.

The Rev. *ARCHIBALD BEATTY, Rector elect of St. Peter's
Church, Berkeley, in Clarksborough.

The Rev. SAMUEL J. EVANS, Minister of St. John's Free
Church, Paterson.

The Rev. GEORGE N. SLEIGHT, officiating in Calvary Church,
Summit.

DEACONS.

The Rev. GEORGE OGLE.

The Rev. WALTER A. MITCHELL, Adjunct Professor of Latin,
in Burlington College

The Rev. *FRANCIS DAYTON CANFIELD, Missionary in Morris
County.

The Rev. H. C. H. DUDLEY, officiating in Grace Church, Newark.

The Rev. *EDWIN B. CHASE, Missionary, officiating in Zion
Church, Belvidere; St. James' Church, Knowlton; and St. Luke's
Church, Hope.

The Rev. *ROBERT G. CHASE, Olden Missionary, officiating in
Grace Church, Pemberton, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. *WELLINGTON FORGUS.

LAY DEPUTIES.

<i>St. Mary's, Burlington,</i>	{ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Thomas Milnor, Wm. A. Rogers, *Isaac B. Parker, Frederick Engle, U. S. N. *Franklin Gauntt, M. D., *Elisha Howell, *Hamilton McDowell, *J. Howard Pugh, M. D.
<i>St. Peter's, Perth Amboy-</i>	
<i>Christ, Shrewsbury,</i>	{ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Gabriel West, Ed. Carpenter, Ed. W. Allen, Dr. John P. Lewis, Robert W. Parker.
<i>Christ, Middletown,</i>	{ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joseph D. Taylor, *Henry Grant, George Sickels.
<i>St. John's, Elizabeth,</i>	{ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Anthony Morss, *Francis B. Chetwood, Fred. W. Foote, *Benj. Williamson, Wm. O. Price, James L. Benedict, Elias Darby, Wm. R. Phelps, John R. Hoole, Jos. Benjamin, Henry Kiggins, *Ogden P. Edwards, James Albro, John Kean, *Wm. Townley, Peter P. Van Zandt.
<i>St. John's, Salem,</i>	{ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Richard P. Thompson, Josiah Harrison, James W. Mecum, Jos. H. Thompson, M. D. Samuel C. Harbert, J. Howard Sinnickson.
<i>Trinity, Newark,</i>	{ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Cortlandt Parker, Daniel Dodd, Archer Gifford, *J. P. Pennington, *Samuel Meeker, John Morrison, Silas Merchant.

Christ, New Brunswick,

{ *Samuel V. Hoffman,
*Franklin Smith,
J. S. Carpender,
Franklin Kinney,
John McIntosh.
*Robert Hamilton.

Christ, Newton,

Christ, Allentown,

Trinity, Woodbridge.

{ *Bennington Gill,
*Harris Cox.

St. Andrew's, Mount Holly,

{ Jos. C. Clarke,
Jos. Head,
George Haywood,
John Dobbins, Jr.
*John L. N. Stratton.

St. Michael's, Trenton,

{ *Wm. Halsted,
Charles L. Pearson,
Samuel K. Wilson,
Wm. J. Shreve,
Randall Rickey,
Charles Hewitt.

St. James', Piscatawa.

St. Peter's, Spottswood,

{ *Andrew Snowhill,
*John Perrine,
*Robt. Perrine,
*Geo. H. Snowhill,
*Anthony P. Valentine,
*Edward P. Marcellin, M. D.

St. Peter's, Freehold,

{ *Daniel B. Ryall,
*John D. Forman,
A. R. Throckmorton,
*Wm. Lloyd,
*W. H. Wyckoff.

St. James', Knowlton,

St. John's, Chew's Landing.

{ *Charles Hartung,
David B. Ribble.

St. Peter's, Berkeley,

{ *Jonathan Egee,
*Willam Rambo,
Jos. C. Weatherby, M. D.
*Jos. L. Reeves,
*Charles Shoemaker,
*James' Brown,
Samuel Hopkins,
John J. Sutton.

Trinity, Swedesboro',

{ Hon. C. C. Stratton,
*Charles Garrison, M. D.,
George Batten,
Joseph Flick.

St. Thomas', Glassborough,

{ *Thomas H. Whitney,
Eben Whitney,
Jacob Andress,
George Flowers,
*Woodward Warrick.

St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill.

{ *Robert Dumont,
*Theophilus P. Hart,
*Jacob B. Gaddis,
James Rogers,
Edgar B. Wakeman.

St. Matthew's, Jersey City,

{ *E. B. D. Ogden,
P. Dickerson,
John Pell,
B. W. Vandervoort,
D. G. Scott,
C. R. Tomlinson

St. Paul's, Paterson,

{ *Daniel Babbitt, M. D.
*Charles Williams,
John L. Blake, Jr.
Jos. A. Condit,
Wm. H. Vermilye.

St. Mark's, Orange,

{ Hon. J. W. Miller,
H. H. Stotesbury.

St. Peter's, Morristown,

St. Luke's, Hope.

Trinity, Princeton,

{ Richard Stockton,
*Charles S. Olden,
James Potter.

Christ, Bordentown,

{ *John L. McKnight,
Joseph W. Allen,
Albert H. Livingston,
*Robert S. Van Rensselaer,
*James Stratton,
*Samuel Rogers.

Christ, Belleville,

{ *Joseph Kingsland,
*Walter Rutherford,
*Julius C. Minett.

St. Paul's, Camden,

{ Richard W. Howell,
*Abm. Browning,
*Thos. P. Carpenter,
*Philip J. Gray,
O. H. Taylor, M. D.
*Benj. Gaskill,
Morris Browning,
Horatio Howard,
*Thomas Lyle,
Jacob Mulford,
*Edw. R. Poole.

<i>St. Paul's, Rahway,</i>	{ *Nathan Thorp, Edw. Y. Rogers, Lewis Drake, *John R. Morss, John M. Tufts, *Rolph Marsh, Francis Labaw, Ezra Ayres.
<i>St. Paul's, Hoboken,</i>	{ *Denning Duer, William Cooper, *Richard Stevens Conover.
<i>Zion, Belvidere,</i>	{ *Hon. Wm. P. Robeson, D. W. Klienhaus.
<i>St. Stephen's, Beverly,</i>	{ John M. Brewer, M. D. Caleb Perkins.
<i>Grace, Newark,</i>	{ Charles M. King, *Joel W. Condit, *J. C. Garthwaite, Jerome B. Ward, *Henry G. Darcy, Anthony Q. Keasby, James Pettit.
<i>Trinity, Moorestown,</i>	{ J. J. Spencer, M. D. *S. C. Thornton, Jr., M. D. W. Morris Cooper, *Richard M. Hugg, Edw. Harris, Jno. C. Haines.
<i>Grace, Haddonfield,</i>	{ *Josiah E. Coles, *R. V. M. Cooper, Joshua P. Browning, Charles D. Hendry, Thomas L. Gillespie.
<i>St. Andrew's, Lambertville,</i>	{ John Sharpe, Adams Davis, Wm. McCready, John Coryell, Alexander Coryell.
<i>Grace, Jersey City,</i>	{ *Virgil Hillyer, *Paul Babcock, *Jeremiah Van Rensselaer.
<i>St. Matthew's, Newark,</i>	{ Henry Heeb. *C. W. Smith, F. von Wachenhusen, T. Newman, Charles Borchertling, Jr.

St. Philip's, Newark,

{ Jacob Rhodes,
Nicholas Duffin.

St. Thomas', Vernon,

{ Thomas B. De Kay,
*John Rutherford.

Ascension, Gloucester,

{ Chalkly Glover,
*B. Hendry, M. D.
Thomas Hallam,
George E. Wilson,
Wm. S. Doughten,
James Deddy,
Samuel Githens.

Grace, Elizabeth,

{ *John R. Armstrong,
J. B. Fairbank,
*J. Jewell Smith,
Chas. H. Waterbury,
John Wyne.

House of Prayer, Newark,

{ *George A. Mayhew,
*Jabez W. Hayes,
J. L. Alden,
J. R. Crocket,
*H. Hayes.

Christ, Newark,

{ Joseph Kedger,
Joseph A. Corwin,
Henry D. Law,
William Shirreff.

St. John's, Somerville.

St. John's, Camden,

{ Reese Morris,
*John H. Simmons,
*Thomas J. Taylor.

Holy Trinity, Hudson,

{ Wm. P. Bleecker,
James R. Dey,
Evan Griffith,
James Montgomery, Jr.
John Rudderow.

St. John's, Dover,

{ *Henry Macfarlan,
Charles Macfarlan.

St. Paul's, Newark,

{ B. T. Nichols,
J. T. Garthwaite,
A. N. Dougherty, M. D.
*Robert Carrol,
Jos. Jefferson,
John A. Nichols,
Caleb W. Harrison,
Theodore G. Palmer,
H. Colburn, M. D.
*Daniel O. Scott.

<i>Christ, Elizabeth,</i>	{ Charles Howard Edwards, *Wm. Chandler Dayton, John Joseph Chetwood, Edward Mayo, Francis Barber, *James W. Hayward, *James C. Carter, Charles R. Cornwell, Wm. M. Whitehead, M. D., Henry S. Hayward.
<i>St. Stephen's, Millburn,</i>	{ *Israel D. Condit, Samuel Bailey, Jr., Hugh Allcock, Wm. Marshall, *Amzi Condit, Thos. C. Bradbury.
<i>St. James', Long Branch,</i>	{ *Edmund West, *Henry Howland. Samuel Laird.
<i>St. Stephen's, South Amboy,</i>	{ Abraham Everett, *Francis S. Conover, Oliver Cox.
<i>Trinity, Hoboken,</i>	{ W. P. Wright, J. F. Melliss, Hazleton Walkeley, John W. Van Boskerck, Jas. Stevenson, J. H. Lebenau.
<i>Grace, Orange,</i>	{ Wm. F. Hooker, Jesse Williams, Thomas G. French, Chauncey Shepherd, W. H. Vermilye.
<i>Grace, Plainfield.</i>	
<i>St. Barnabas', Newark,</i>	{ Henry Bass Gay, John M. Livingston, A. D. Baldwin.
<i>St. Mark's, Newark,</i>	{ *J. W. Hayes, Alfred Tichenor, John Thompson, Charles Hayes.
<i>St. Peter's, Newark,</i>	{ George Lippert, Frederick Haushalten, Conrad Bardon, John Gerhardt.

Grace, Madison,

{ *Alfred M. Tredwell,
*John Gould,
Wm. W. Beach,
Joseph A. Dean,
Ellis Potter.

*Church of the Redeemer, Morris-
town,*

{ *William A. Duer,
C. R. P. Rodgers,
V. Dalrymple,
*John Hone.

Trinity, Jersey City,

{ J. Young,
F. Thomasson,
B. Underhill,
*S. M. Chambers,
W. Sayres,
*R. Appleton,
G. Dickson,
G. A. H. Bennett.

St. John's, Paterson,

{ Alexander Donald,
William Atherton,
*James N. Harper,
John Bertram.

St. Luke's, Phillipsburg,

{ John Swift,
*Henry C. Cooper, M. D.



JOURNAL.

St. Mary's Church, Burlington, May 27, A. D., 1857.

This being the time and place appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New Jersey, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Church, the Bishop and several of the Clergy and Lay Deputies assembled, in St. Mary's Church, at 10 o'clock.

Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Shackelford and E. A. Hoffman, the Rev. Messrs. Bush and Reid, reading the Lessons. The Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion, the Rev. Dr. Mahan reading the Epistle, and the Rev. Dr. Stubbs and H. Goodwin assisting in the distribution of the elements. The Bishop delivered his Ninth Triennial Charge to the Clergy.

The religious services being concluded, the Bishop took the Chair, and the Convention proceeded to organize, in the old Church.

Upon calling the roll, the Clergy present were the following:

The Rt. Rev. George W. Doane, D. D., LL. D., Bishop,	
The Rev. George Y. Morehouse,	The Rev. R. M. Mitcheson,
Clarkson Dunn,	E. A. Foggo,
Harry Finch,	W. H. Norris,
Peter L. Jaques,	H. N. Pierce,
James A. Williams,	Samuel Clements,
Alfred Stubbs, D. D.,	Wm. D. Hanson,
Samuel W. Hallowell,	Milo Mahan, D. D.,
Henry B. Sherman,	J. W. Shackelford,
J. D. Moore,	C. F. Hoffman,
Joseph F. Phillips,	Wm. Crosswell Doane,
James J. Bowden,	Hobart Chetwood,
Julius D. Rosé, Ph. D.,	Wm. J. Zimmer,
N. Pettit,	Samuel A. Clark,
D. H. Macurdy,	Henry Brown,
S. S. Stocking,	N. S. Harris,
M. F. Hyde,	Charles S. Little,
D. Brown,	J. F. Garrison, M. D.,
E. K. Smith,	H. H. Reid,
H. Goodwin,	A. Beatty,
V. Bruce,	F. D. Canfield,
E. A. Hoffman,	E. B. Chase,
J. L. Maxwell,	R. G. Chase,
R. N. Merritt,	W. Forgas.

The Rev. Mr. Williams and the Hon. R. P. Thompson were appointed a Committee to examine the testimonials of Lay Deputies: who reported that more than a constitutional number of Churches were represented. Whereupon, the following Lay Deputies appeared, and took their seats:

Thomas Milnor,
Isaac B. Parker,
Franklin Gawnitt, M. D.,
Elisha Howell,
H. McDowell,
Gabriel West,
Henry Grant,
Anthony Morss,
Francis B. Chetwood,
Benjamin Williamson,
O. P. Edwards,
W. Townley,
R. P. Thompson,
J. P. Pennington,
S. V. Hoffman,
Franklin Smith,
Robert Hamilton,
Bennington Gill,
Harris Cox,
John Dobbins, Jr.
J. L. N. Stratton,
A. Snowhill,
J. Perrine,
Robert Perrine,
G. H. Snowhill,
A. P. Valentine,
E. P. Marcellin, M. D.,
Daniel B. Ryall,
J. D. Forman,
Wm. Wyckoff,
W. Lloyd,
Charles Hartung,
Jonathan Egee,
Wm. Rambo,
Joseph S. Reeves,
C. Shoemaker,
J. Brown,
C. Garrison, M. D.,
T. H. Whitney,
W. Warrick,
E. B. D. Ogden.
D. Babbitt, M. D.,

S. Olden,
J. L. Blake, Jr.,
John L. McKnight,
James Stratton,
S. Rogers, Jr.,
J. Kingsland,
W. Rutherford,
J. C. Minett,
A. Browning,
T. P. Carpenter,
P. J. Gray,
B. Gaskill,
T. Lyle,
E. R. Poole,
N. Thorp,
J. R. Morss,
R. Marsh,
D. Duer,
W. P. Robeson,
J. W. Condit,
J. C. Garthwaite,
H. G. Darcy,
S. C. Thornton, Jr., M. D.,
R. M. Hugg,
J. E. Coles,
R. V. M. Cooper,
V. Hillyer,
J. Van Rensselaer,
Henry Heeb,
C. W. Smith,
B. Hendry, M. D.,
J. R. Armstrong,
J. J. Smith,
G. A. Mayhew,
H. Hayes,
J. H. Simmons,
T. J. Taylor,
R. Carroll,
D. O. Scott,
W. C. Dayton,
J. W. Hayward,
J. C. Carter,

I. D. Condit,
A. Condit.
E. West,
F. S. Conover,
J. W. Hayes,

A. M. Treadwell,
H. Howland,
J. Gould,
W. A. Duer,
John Hone.

The Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, when the Rev. Wm. Croswell Doane was elected.

The Secretary appointed the Rev. Elvin K. Smith, his Assistant.

Resolved, That Clergymen of other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, who may be present in this City, be invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Finch, R. P. Thompson, Esq., and Isaac B. Parker, Esq., were appointed a Committee to report on the application of new Parishes.

The Rev. E. A. Hoffman, and Hon. D. B. Ryall, were appointed a Committee on Rules of Order.

The Convention then took a recess, till 4½ P. M.

St. Mary's Church, 4½ P. M.

The Convention assembled.

The Rev. Messrs. W. C. Doane and C. F. Hoffman said Evening Prayer. The following members appeared, and took their seats:

Messrs. S. M. Chambers, H. Macfarlan, J. Rutherford, R. S. Conover, R. Dumont, J. B. Gaddis, J. H. Pugh, M. D., W. Halstead, Cortlandt Parker, and R. W. Howell.

The Committee on Rules of Order reported the following amendment, to be added to the 15th Rule: "and then the voters shall deposit their ballots with the tellers, in order, as they are called by the Secretary." The amendment was adopted; and the amended Rules of Order adopted, as follows:

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each meeting of the Convention shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. When the President assumes the Chair, each member shall take his seat.
3. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read, each morning; and, if necessary, corrected: and, before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the sitting shall be read.
4. When a member chooses to speak, he shall rise and address the President.

5. When two members rise at the same time, the President shall determine the preference; and, in any controversy respecting order, the President shall decide.

6. Every resolution, presented to this Convention, shall be fairly reduced to writing.

7. No motion shall be regarded, unless seconded.

8. A motion, of postponement or amendment shall always be in order.

9. On motion to adjourn, or to lay upon the table, the question shall be put without debate.

10. No member shall speak more than thrice, on the same question, without the leave of the President.

11. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole; and shall take a vote for that purpose.

12. The yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the minutes, when any two members require it.

13. The doors of the Convention shall be open for the admission of such persons as may wish to know its proceedings.

14. No member shall leave the Convention, without permission.

15. All questions shall be decided *viva voce*; unless required to be decided by ballot, by at least three clerical members, and three lay delegations: and then the voters shall deposit their ballots with the tellers, in order, as they are called by the Secretary.

16. In all elections, those persons only, who shall have a majority of all the votes given, shall be deemed elected.

17. The order of business shall be as follows:—The Reports of existing Committees of the preceding Convention; the election of Standing Committee, Deputies to the General Convention, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and Trustees of the Offerings of the Church; Presentation of Parochial Reports; Postponed, and Miscellaneous, business.

18. The Bishop's Address at any time to be in order.

19. Daily prayers at 9 o'clock, A. M.; adjourn at 2½ o'clock, P. M.; evening session at 4½ o'clock, P. M.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address; after which,

The Committee on Christian Education, appointed at the last Convention, presented their Report; and Mr. Cortlandt Parker presented a minority Report.

On motion, the Convention received the Reports.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of officers; when the following were elected:

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Of the Clergy,
Rev. Harry Finch,
J. A. Williams.
A. Stubbs, D.D.,
E. A. Hoffman.

Of the Laity,
T. P. Carpenter,
E. B. D. Ogden,
J. C. Garthwaite,
D. Babbitt, M.D.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

<i>Of the Clergy,</i>	<i>Of the Laity,</i>
Rev. C. Dunn,	J. W. Miller,
A. Stubbs, D.D.,	D. B. Ryall,
M. Mahan, D.D.,	E. B. D. Ogden,
H. Goodwin.	J. H. Thompson, M.D.

SUPPLEMENTAL DEPUTIES.

<i>Of the Clergy,</i>	<i>Of the Laity,</i>
Rev. D. Brown,	S. V. Hoffman,
V. Bruce,	J. W. Condit,
E. K. Smith,	C. C. Stratton,
R. N. Merritt.	H. Macfarlan.

The 10th Canon, reported by the Committee, at the last Annual Convention, was taken up for adoption.

SECTION 1 was adopted: the delegation from Christ Church, Belleville, recording their vote, in the negative.

On motion, Sec. 2 was amended as follows, by striking out from the words "one dollar" to the words "communicants shall," inclusive, and inserting the words "of — per cent. upon the salary paid, by the parish, to its Clergyman."

On motion, the Convention adjourned, until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

St. Mary's, Burlington, 9 A. M. May 28.

Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Phillips and Merritt.

The Convention was called to order; and, upon calling the roll, the Clergy present were the following:

The Rt. Rev. George W. Doane, D. D., LL. D., Bishop,	The Rev. J. S. Bush,
The Rev. Clarkson Dunn,	H. N. Pierce,
Harry Finch,	Wm. D. Hanson,
Peter L. Jaques,	Milo Mahan, D. D.,
James A. Williams,	J. W. Shackelford,
Samuel W. Hallowell,	C. F. Hoffman,
Joseph F. Phillips,	Wm. Croswell Doane,
Julius D. Rosé, Ph. D.,	Hobart Chetwood,
N. Pettit,	Wm. J. Zimmer,
D. Brown,	Samuel A. Clark,
E. K. Smith,	Henry Brown,
H. Goodwin,	H. H. Reid,
V. Bruce,	F. D. Canfield,
E. A. Hoffman,	E. B. Chase,
N. W. Camp, D.D.,	R. G. Chase,
R. N. Merritt,	
E. A. Foggo,	

Upon calling the roll of Lay Deputies, the following were present:

Isaac B. Parker,	J. C. Minett,
Elisha Howell,	E. R. Poole,
J. Howard Pugh, M. D.,	N. Thorp,
Gabriel West,	D. Duer,
Anthony Morss,	W. P. Robeson,
Francis B. Chetwood,	J. W. Condit,
R. P. Thompson,	H. G. Darcy,
Cortlandt Parker,	J. E. Coles,
Samuel Meeker,	R. V. M. Cooper,
S. V. Hoffman,	P. Babcock,
Bennington Gill,	J. Van Rensselaer,
Harris Cox,	C. W. Smith,
John Dobbins, Jr.	J. Rutherford,
G. H. Snowhill,	G. A. Mayhew,
A. P. Valentine,	H. Hayes,
Daniel B. Ryall,	T. J. Taylor,
J. D. Forman,	H. Macfarlan,
W. Lloyd,	R. Carroll,
Wm. Rambo,	W. C. Dayton,
T. H. Whitney,	J. C. Carter,
J. Andress,	A. Condit,
E. B. D. Ogden.	E. West,
C. S. Olden,	J. W. Hayes,
John L. McKnight,	A. M. Tredwell,
R. S. Van Rensselaer,	J. Gould,
James Stratton,	W. A. Duer,
S. Rogers, Jr.,	John Hone,
J. Kingsland,	S. M. Chambers.
W. Rutherford,	

The minutes of the preceding day were read; and, after amendments, were accepted.

The Committee on the application of new Parishes for admission, reported that they had examined those of St. Luke's, Philipsburg, and St. John's, Paterson; and recommended that they be received into union with this Convention.

The Parishes were accordingly received; and Messrs. James N. Harper and H. C. Cooper, M. D., appeared as delegates from the two parishes, and took their seats.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the Postponed and Miscellaneous business.

The blank left in the 2d Section, as to the amount of per centage, on the Clergyman's salary, was, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Sherman, filled with "eight per cent.;" and the Section was then adopted.

Section 3 of Canon X was then unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Preamble of Section 4, down to the words, "the Treasurer," was stricken out.

The Rev. Mr. Sherman offered the following amendment for Section 4 :

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Vestry of every Parish to provide for the transit of the Bishop from the locality, where his Visitation next before has taken place.

Which amendment was lost.

The 4th Section was then passed.

On motion, Section 5 was amended, to read, "It is recommended that there be a collection made," and thus amended the Section was passed ; the vote being taken by orders :

Ayes, of the Clergy, 21 ; Nays, 4.

" " Laity, 26 ; " 10.

On motion, Section 6 was amended by the addition after the words, "in each year," of the words, "And shall lay before each Convention the mode of the assessment, and the names of the parishes upon which the same has been made;" and, so amended, was passed, unanimously.

On motion, Section 7 was amended, by striking out all after the word "provisions;" and, so amended, was passed, unanimously. :

On motion, Section 8 was amended by adding, after the words, "during the year," the words, "and the assessments provided for by Section 6 of this Canon;" was further amended by adding after the word, "contribution," the words, "and also the amount, principal and income of the Episcopal fund, with a description of the securities for the same;" was further amended, by adding after the words, "minutes of the Convention," the words, "and as much of the said report shall be published each year, as the Convention may from time to time direct;" and was further amended by adding after the words, "assessments paid," the words, "or such statement may be made in writing; and when so made may be entered at large upon the minutes, at the pleasure of the Convention: and published, if they so order;" and the Section so amended was passed.

Section 9 was passed, unanimously.

Section 10, omitting the words, "be and," was passed unanimously; and Canon X, thus amended, was adopted, as follows:

CANON X.

Of the Bishop's Salary, and of the Episcopal and Missionary Funds.

SECTION 1. The Salary to be paid to the Bishop, as soon as the annual income of the permanent Episcopal Fund shall equal the amount, is hereby fixed at twenty-four hundred dollars, (\$2400) per annum.

Sec. 2. Until the yearly interest of the Episcopal Fund shall equal the foregoing amount, it is recommended that an annual contribution of 8 per cent. upon the Salary paid by the Parish to its Clergymen, be made by every Parish of the Diocese; which shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Convention, by the Treasurers of the several Parishes, before the annual meeting of this Convention.

Sec. 3. The Bishop shall be entitled to draw from the Treasurer of the Convention the annual interest of the Fund and one half of the money received from the parishes, until such interest and money shall equal the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars, (\$2400.); and the balance of the contributions shall be added by the Treasurer to the Permanent Episcopal Fund, until the principal thereof shall amount to a sum which will yield an annual interest of twenty-four hundred dollars, (\$2400)—after which period, such interest shall be paid to the Bishop, and no further contributions shall be made, unless it shall be otherwise ordered by the Convention.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer of every parish, which has received an Episcopal visit during the year, shall pay to the Treasurer of the Convention before each of its Annual meetings, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00,) and the like sum for every additional visitation made by request. This money shall then be paid by the Treasurer to the Bishop to defray his travelling expenses.

Sec. 5. It is recommended that there be a collection made, at least once a quarter, in every parish of the Diocese, for the support of the Missions of the Diocese, which shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Convention, by the Treasurers of the several parishes, before the time of the Annual meeting of the Convention. These contributions shall be applied, under the direction of the Bishop and the Trustees of the "Offerings of the Church," for Diocesan Missions, and the expenses of the Trustees of the Offerings.

Sec. 6. The expenses of the Convention, the expenses of the Standing Committee, and the quota of the Diocese towards the expenses of the General Convention, shall from year to year be assessed by a Committee appointed by the Convention, on all the parishes of the Diocese; and the Chairman of such Committee shall send a notice of the assessment to the Rector and Wardens of each parish, on or before the first of January in each year, and shall lay before each Convention the mode of the assessment, and the names of the parishes upon which the same has been made. This assessment shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Convention before its Annual meeting.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Rectors or Ministers of the several congregations of the Diocese, to lay this Canon before their vestries, and urge their co-operation in carrying out its provisions.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Convention, at each of its Annual meetings, to make a separate report of the amounts of money received from each parish, for the Bishop's Salary, the Episcopal Fund, the respective purposes of the Missions of the Diocese during the year, and the assessments provided for by Section 6 of this Canon; specifying the parishes, (if any) which have made no contribution, and also the amount, principal and income of the Episcopal Fund, with a description of the securities for

the same; and this report shall be entered upon the minutes of the Convention; and as much of the said report shall be published each year, as the Convention may from time to time direct. In the case of non contributing parishes, (if any) the Rector or Minister, if present in the Convention, (and if not, the lay delegate or delegates) shall be called upon by the Secretary, to state why the contributions have not been made or the assessments paid; or such statement may be made in writing; and when so made, may be entered at large upon the minutes, at the pleasure of the Convention; and published, if they so order.

Sec. 9. The Standing Committee of the Diocese shall be the " Trustees of the Offerings of the Church;" and they shall make report to each Annual Convention, of the purposes to which the funds under their direction have been appropriated.

Sec. 10. Canon X is hereby repealed.

A motion was made to re-consider the Majority and Minority Reports of the Committee on Christian Education, appointed at the last Convention.

An amendment to the motion, to postpone the consideration of the subject till next Convention, was lost.

The motion was then carried.

On motion, resolved to re-commit the subject to the same Committee, to report at the next Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. Mahan, in place of the Rev. Dr. Paterson, who has left the Diocese.

On motion, resolved to increase the number of the Committee to seven. The Chair added the Rev. H. N. Pierce, and the Hon. B. Williamson.

On motion, Resolved, That the Standing Committee of the Diocese, be the Committee, to make the assessments, required by Section 6 of Canon X.

A motion was made to amend Section 3, of Article IV of the Constitution, by inserting after the words, " or more," the words, " and not exceeding five."

An amendment was offered to the motion, to postpone the subject indefinitely, and the vote being taken by orders, the amendment was carried.

Of the Clergy, Ayes 13; Nays 11.

Of the Laity, " 23; " 7.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and referred to Messrs. J. W. Condit and S. V. Hoffman; with authority to certify and print.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Sherman, the Convention confirmed

the nomination before made by the Bishop, in accordance with the resolutions of the Convention of 1846, of the Rev. Robert Greens Chase, A. B., Deacon, to be Missionary on the Olden Fund, to the Pines.

1,000 copies of the Journal, 1,000 copies of the Constitution and Canons, and 1,000 copies of the Bishop's Charge were ordered to be printed; and to be distributed in proportion to the assessment for the Conventional expenses paid by the different parishes.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, since the death of the Rev. Mr. Douglass, statements have been made casting a deep stigma of disgrace on his parish:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to investigate the case, and make a report to the Bishop, as soon as convenient.

The Chair appointed as the Committee the Rev. Mr. Pierce, and Messrs. S. V. Hoffman and W. Rutherford.

The minutes were then read and approved. After singing the Gloria in Excelsis, with prayers, and the benediction, by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

GEORGE W. DOANE, President.

WM. CROSWELL DOANE, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The Church, in the Diocese of New Jersey, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, accedes to the Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledges their authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a Convention of the Church in this State on the last Wednesday in May, in each year, to be held alternately at Burlington and Newark.

ARTICLE III.

The Bishop, or, if the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee, shall have power, when it appears requisite for the good of the Church, to call a special Convention, by a circular letter to the several Churches. There shall be not less than four weeks' notice previous to the day appointed, and such meeting shall be holden where the authority calling it shall determine; and at such special Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice, calling the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of both Clergymen and Laymen.

Sec. 2. Every Presbyter who has been duly instituted Rector of any Church in the Diocese, and every Presbyter who has been duly appointed a Missionary to the vacant parishes of the same, and every Presbyter who may be a professor or officer of any incorporated theological or literary institution, and who is canonically connected with this Diocese, shall be a member ex-officio. Clergymen who have formerly been Rectors, in this Diocese, but having resigned their charges, remain in it, or return to it, after a period of absence, may also become, and shall hereafter be considered, as members of this Convention, in full standing; provided all the instituted Rectors present, and all the congregations represented, at the meeting when

any such Clergyman shall be proposed, give their votes in favour of it. Rectors elect, and Deacons who belong to the Diocese, and officiate stately within it, are also admitted to seats, and may express their opinions on all questions that come before the Convention; but may neither vote, be appointed members of the Standing Committee, nor be elected deputies of the General Convention.

Sec. 3. The Laity shall consist of a representation comprising one or more deputies from each Congregation in this State in union with this Convention, such deputy or deputies always being a member or members of the congregation represented.

ARTICLE V.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes; provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens, that they accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and are duly incorporated and regularly organized by the election of two Wardens, and at least five Vestrymen. Provided always, that the deputies from new parishes, though entitled to a seat, shall not be allowed to vote at the Convention, in which their parishes are admitted.

ARTICLE VI.

The Bishop of the diocese shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention, and shall preside at all its meetings. The Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall also have a seat and a vote; and in the absence of the Bishop, shall preside. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or of the absence of the Bishop, and of the Assistant Bishop, the members shall elect a President pro tempore from among the instituted Ministers.

ARTICLE VII.

The instituted Rectors, who may be present, at the time of meeting, with the deputies from four Churches, shall constitute a quorum; but no measure shall be conclusive without the concurrence of a majority of votes of each order; the Clergy voting individually, and the Laity by congregations.

ARTICLE VIII

At each annual Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen, from among its members, who shall continue in office till a successor be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings, to

preserve the journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of the Bishop, all originals, and to his successor, all books and papers, relating to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession.

ARTICLE IX.

A Treasurer of this Convention shall be appointed, who shall continue in office during its pleasure. He shall give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and shall present a statement of his accounts to each annual Convention. But in case the Treasurer die, resign, remove from the Diocese, or be incapable of acting, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, till the next succeeding Convention, who is authorised to receive any money, bonds, mortgages, notes, or other property and papers, that may be in the Treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal, or incapacity.

ARTICLE X.

The Standing Committee shall consist of four Clergymen and four Laymen, to be chosen annually; each order choosing its own members by ballot, subject to the approval of the other order. As soon as convenient after their election, they shall choose a President from among the clerical members, and a Secretary. Their proceedings shall be recorded by the Secretary, and open to the inspection of the Convention. They shall have power to supply vacancies which may occur in their own body, during the recess of the Convention.

ARTICLE XI.

Section 1. At every annual Convention, four clerical and four lay deputies, shall be elected to represent this Diocese, in the General Convention, each order choosing its own representatives by ballot, subject to the approval of the other order.

Sec. 2. The Convention shall also nominate by ballot a like number of supplementary deputies of each order, to serve as deputies contingently. It shall be the duty of the deputies elect, to signify to the Bishop, on some day within three weeks of the General Convention, and at least one week before such meeting, their acceptance of the appointment, and intention to perform its duties; in default of which, the Bishop shall designate so many from those of the supplementary deputies having the greatest number of votes, as shall be necessary as far as practicable, to insure a full representation of the

Diocese ; and the persons so designated shall have all the power and authority of deputies, duly elected by this Convention. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the power hereby conferred on the Bishop, shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

This Constitution shall not be altered but in the following manner:—the proposed alteration, or the modification of it deemed advisable, having been submitted to the Convention in which it originated, and been approved by a majority, shall lie over to the next Convention ; and, if then approved by a majority of each order, voting according to the Constitution, shall become valid and obligatory.

CANONS

OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY.

CANON I.

Of a list of Clergymen in the Diocese.

On or before the day of meeting of Convention, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the President of the Standing Committee, to give to the Secretary of the Convention a certified list of the names of Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, specifying instituted ministers, and others entitled to seats and votes in the Convention.

CANON II.

Of the Testimonial of Lay Deputies.

Lay Deputies to the Convention shall present written certificates of their election, in the following, or some similar form:—

[Name of the Church, the Place and Date.]

This certifies, that at a meeting of the congregation of this Church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers and Deputies to the Convention, (or for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B., C. D., and E. F., were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, [or if two wardens subscribe, we have set our hands,] the day and year above written.—

Which certificate shall be signed by the Rector, the Secretary of the Vestry, or by two Wardens, and transmitted by the Secretary of the Vestry to the Secretary of the Convention, at least ten days before the meeting of the Annual Convention; and the above form shall be annually inserted in the printed Journal of the Convention.

CANON III.

Of the Opening of Convention.

Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and a sermon by the presbyter appointed by the Bishop, when the Bishop does not himself deliver a sermon or Charge.

Episcopal Charges delivered before the Convention shall be published by the same, without any motion to that effect. The religious exercises at the opening of the Convention, shall commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., and the business of each day shall be preceded by prayer, the Bishop, or a minister of his appointment, officiating.

CANON IV.

Of the Office of Secretary of Convention.

The Secretary of the Convention shall appoint an assistant Secretary. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the assistant Secretary, if there be one; if not, upon the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

CANON V.

Of Parochial Registers and Reports.

Section 1. In every congregation the Church-wardens shall provide a proper book, in which the minister, or if the parish be vacant, one of the wardens, shall record the name, and date of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors, the name of the adult baptized, the names of all persons married and buried, and the date of such marriage and burial, together with a list of all the communicants of the parish, and also a list of the persons confirmed, with the date of every event recorded; all of which shall be under the signature of the person recording.— From this register there shall annually be presented to the Bishop, on, or before, the first day of the Convention, by the minister, or if there be no minister, by one of the wardens, an accurate statement of the number of the baptisms, marriages, funerals, and persons confirmed and admitted to the Holy Communion, since the last like report, together with such other particulars as may throw light on the condition of the parish. And this statement, or such parts thereof as shall be approved by the Bishop, shall be entered and published on its Journals.

Sec. 2. In order to secure a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, in case a proper report be not made according to the Canons of the General Convention on this subject, by the minister or other proper authority of any parish, it shall be the duty of the Convention to cause inquiry to be made into the condition of such parish.

CANON VI.

Of the Election of Church Officers.

Sec. 1. In every Church, which is supplied by a Clergyman, divine service shall be performed, on the day of the election of Church Officers.

Sec. 2. Any male of full age, and good moral character, may be eligible to office in any parish, or entitled to vote at an election of Church officers, who professes to adhere to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and contributes to its support in the mode prescribed in his particular congregation, and who shall have been a worshipper in said Church for six calendar months next before the election.

Sec. 3. In the case of a Free Church the same qualifications shall be required; but only those persons shall be considered as worshippers in such Church, who shall have handed in their names as such to the Rector or Minister, in writing, (or in case of a vacancy, to the Senior Warden,) at least six calendar months before the election, whose duty it shall be to enter the same, with the date, in the parochial register, required by Canon V.

CANON VII.

Of Vacant Parishes.

Sec. 1. On the organization of any new parish in this diocese, or on the occurrence of a vacancy in any existing parish, it shall be the duty of the Wardens, or other officers of such parish, to give immediate notice of the same to the Bishop; and until provision be made for the supply of the same, the Bishop may cause it to be supplied at his discretion, by Missionary services, or otherwise.

Sec. 2. In order to maintain public worship in such parishes, according to the venerable formularies of our Church, the Bishop may, on the recommendation of the Vestry, appoint lay-readers, who shall be either candidates for orders, or other laymen of exemplary character for morals and piety; and who, under the direction of the Bishop, and in default thereof, under the direction of some Clergyman of the diocese, on Sunday and other proper occasions, shall devoutly read the service of the Church, and a sermon from the works of some approved Protestant Episcopal divine.

CANON VIII.

Of the attendance of Clergy on Conventions.

It is declared to be the duty of every Clergyman, having a seat in Convention, to attend every meeting thereof, or send a reasonable excuse for absence.

CANON IX.

Of Scholarships in the General Theological Seminary.

The Bishop of the diocese, or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee, shall have the power of nominating a candidate for Holy Orders on any scholarship or scholarships which are, or may hereafter be, founded by this Convention, in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

CANON X.

Of the Bishop's Salary, and of the Episcopal and Missionary Funds.

Sec. 1. The Salary to be paid to the Bishop, as soon as the annual income of the permanent Episcopal Fund shall equal the amount, is hereby fixed at twenty-four hundred dollars, (\$2400) per annum.

Sec. 2. Until the yearly interest of the Episcopal Fund shall equal the foregoing amount, it is recommended that an annual contribution of 8 per cent. upon the Salary paid by the Parish to its Clergyman, be made by every Parish of the Diocese; which shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Convention, by the Treasurers of the several Parishes, before the annual meeting of this Convention.

Sec. 3. The Bishop shall be entitled to draw from the Treasurer of the Convention the annual interest of the Fund and one half of the money received from the parishes, until such interest and money shall equal the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars, (\$2400,); and the balance of the contributions shall be added by the Treasurer to the Permanent Episcopal Fund, until the principal thereof shall amount to a sum which will yield an annual interest of twenty-four hundred dollars, (\$2400)—after which period, such interest shall be paid to the Bishop, and no further contributions shall be made, unless it shall be otherwise ordered by the Convention.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer of every parish, which has received an Episcopal visit during the year, shall pay to the Treasurer of the Convention before each of its Annual meetings, the sum of five dol-

lars (\$5,90,) and the like sum for every additional visitation made by request. This money shall then be paid by the Treasurer to the Bishop, to defray his travelling expenses.

Sec. 5. It is recommended that there be a collection made, at least once a quarter, in every parish of the Diocese, for the support of the Missions of the Diocese, which shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Convention, by the Treasurers of the several parishes, before the time of the Annual meeting of the Convention. These contributions shall be applied, under the direction of the Bishop and the Trustees of the "Offerings of the Church," for Diocesan Missions, and the expenses of the Trustees of the Offerings.

Sec. 6. The expenses of the Convention, the expenses of the Standing Committee, and the quota of the Diocese towards the expenses of the General Convention, shall from year to year be assessed by a Committee appointed by the Convention, on all the parishes of the Diocese; and the Chairman of such Committee shall send a notice of the assessment to the Rector and Wardens of each parish, on or before the first of January in each year, and shall lay before each Convention the mode of the assessment, and the names of the parishes upon which the same has been made. This assessment shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Convention before its annual meeting.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Rectors or Ministers of the several congregations of the Diocese, to lay this Canon before their Vestries, and urge their co-operation in carrying out its provisions.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Convention, at each of its Annual meetings, to make a separate report of the amounts of money received from each parish, for the Bishop's Salary, the Episcopal Fund, the respective purposes of the Missions of the Diocese during the year, and the assessments provided for by Section 6 of this Canon; specifying the parishes, (if any) which have made no contribution, and also the amount, principal and income of the Episcopal Fund, with a description of the securities for the same; and this report shall be entered upon the minutes of the Convention; and as much of the said report shall be published each year, as the Convention may from time to time direct. In the case of non-contributing parishes, (if any) the Rector or Minister, if present in the Convention, (and if not, the lay delegate or delegates) shall be called upon by the Secretary, to state why the contributions have not been made or the assessments paid; or such statement may be made in writing; and when so made, may be entered at

large upon the minutes, at the pleasure of the Convention; and published, if they so order.

Sec. 9. The Standing Committee of the Diocese shall be the "Trustees of the Offerings of the Church;" and they shall make report to each Annual Convention, of the purposes to which the funds under their direction have been appropriated.

Sec. 10. Canon X is hereby repealed.

* CANON XI.

Of a Fund for Incidental Expenses.

The Vestry of each Parish or Church, shall at every Annual Convention, pay to the Treasurer thereof, such sums as may be required from them respectively by resolution of the Convention, from time to time, for the purpose of paying the salary of the Bishop, printing the Journals of the Convention, and other incidental expenses.

CANON XII.

Of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.

A collection shall be made in every Congregation in this Diocese on Whit-Sunday or Trinity Sunday of each year, for the relief of Clergymen disabled by age or disease.

All contributions or donations to this object shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Convention; and shall be appropriated at the discretion of the Trustees of the offerings of the Church; and if more money shall be raised by these contributions than the present necessity requires, such over-plus shall be safely invested by the Treasurer as the commencement of a fund for the relief of disabled clergymen in the Diocese.

CANON XIII.

Of persons Repelled from the Holy Communion.

When a person who has been repelled from the Holy Communion appeals to the Bishop, and is not restored by him, the Bishop may, and if the person repelled demands it, shall, appoint one presbyter and two laymen, who shall make inquiry into the truth of the facts alleged, and shall report thereof, with their opinion thereon, to the Bishop, who may proceed to restore the individual, or otherwise, as he may deem proper.

CANON XIV.

Of proceedings in the case of a Minister accused by public rumor of offences for which he may be tried.

Sec. 1. When a minister is accused by public rumor of an offence or offences for which he may be tried and punished, according to the 37th canon of the General Convention of 1832, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, to appoint not less than three, or more than five presbyters, who, or a majority of whom, shall make such inquiries as may satisfy them of the innocence of the accused, or of the sufficiency of ground for presentment and trial. If satisfied of his innocence, they shall make report accordingly; if of the sufficiency of ground for presentment and trial, two of them shall present the accused for trial, according to the canon in such case made and provided.

Sec. 2. Any minister of this Diocese, may for himself request of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, the inquiry provided for in this canon, in which case it shall be instituted and shall proceed according to its provisions.

CANON XV.

Of the Presentment and Trial of Clergymen.

Whenever any minister of this Diocese shall become "liable to presentment and trial" under the provisions of any canon of the General or Diocesan Convention, the mode of proceeding in this Diocese shall be as follows:

Sec. 1. The trial shall be on a presentment, in writing, addressed to the Bishop of the Diocese, specifying the offence or offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances. Such presentment may be made by the major part in number of the members of the Vestry of any Church of which the accused is, or has been a minister, or by any two presbyters of this Diocese, or by the Convention of the Diocese, or, in case of alleged misconduct in another Diocese, by the ecclesiastical authority of that Diocese.

Sec. 2. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop, if the facts charged shall not appear to him to be such as to constitute an offence, may dismiss it; or if it allege facts, some of which do, and some of which do not constitute an of-

fence, he may allow it in part, and dismiss the residue, or he may permit it to be amended. When it shall be allowed, in whole or in part, the Bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused; and shall also nominate eight presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within the said thirty days, the Bishop shall select five, and the presbyters so selected, or any number of them not less than three, shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, (but always within this Diocese,) as they shall think necessary.

Sec. 3. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting shall be served at least thirty days before such meeting, on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment.

Sec. 4. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board of Presbyters, the whole number of five shall not attend, then those who do attend, not being less than three, shall constitute the Board, and proceed to the trial, and a majority of them shall decide all questions.

Sec. 5. If a Clergyman presented, after having had due notice, shall not appear before the Board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board may nevertheless proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see fit to adjourn till another day.

Sec. 6. When the Board proceed to the trial, the evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively. If on, or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

Sec. 7. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witness cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witness. Such Commissary may be either a Clergyman or a Layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least six days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall

be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional 20 miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness; and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Board, and, if competent, shall be received by them as evidence.

Sec. 8. The Board having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall without delay be communicated to the accused: and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more of the Clergy, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some Church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who choose to attend, and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Board of Presbyters shall be appointed, and the proceedings shall be conducted as before mentioned.

Sec. 9. All notices and papers contemplated in this canon may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written notice or paper delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper.

Sec. 10. Counsel shall be allowed on both sides, not exceeding two to either, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they be communicants in this Church.

Sec. 11. The Bishop shall appoint some person to act as Clerk, and carefully to record the proceedings.

CANON XVI.

Of a Treasurer pro tempore.

Whenever a Treasurer shall be appointed by the Standing Committee or otherwise, he shall enter into the same securities, and be responsible in the same manner, as if regularly appointed by the Convention.

CANON XVII.

Of alterations in the Canons and additions thereto.

No proposed alterations of, or additions to the Canons, shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice thereof be given in open Convention, and until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon by, a Committee of at least two Presbyters and two Laymen.

CANON XVIII.

Repealing former Canons.

All former Canons of this Convention are hereby repealed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTS.

AN ACT

To incorporate "The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New Jersey,"—Passed November 20, 1826.

1. Be it enacted by the Council and General Assembly of this State—and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the Rev. John Croes, Charles H. Wharton, John Croes, Jr., George Y. Morehouse, Clarkson Dunn, Simon Wilmer, William L. Johnson, Matthew Matthews, Christian F. Crusé, and Benjamin Holmes, and Joseph Marsh, Robert Boggs, Zachariah Rossell, Christian Larzelere, George Haywood, Isaac Welsh, Joseph V. Clark, Charles C. Stratton, Enoch Aggins, Thomas Sinnickson, and Aaron Wright, and their associates, forming the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New Jersey, and their successors, duly appointed, according to the Constitution of the said Church, shall be, and they are hereby made and constituted a corporation and body politic, in law and in fact, by the name and title of "The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New Jersey."

2. And be it enacted, That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name and title aforesaid, shall be able and capable, in law, to purchase, have, hold, take, use, and enjoy, in fee simple, or any life or other estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, liberties, privileges, franchises, or other hereditaments; and also, any goods, chattels, moneys, legacies, donations, or other estate or property whatsoever, given or granted to the said Convention, in any manner or way whatsoever, *provided always*, that the income thereof shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars per annum. And further, that all the estate, real, personal, and mixed, now belonging to, or held by the said Convention, shall be vested in, and held and managed by the said Corporation, and their successors; and that the said Corporation and their successors shall and may give, grant, sell and convey, demise, assign, release or otherwise dispose of, all or any of their messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, possessions and other hereditaments, and real estate, and all goods, chattels and personal estate, and other things aforesaid, as to the said corporation

shall seem meet; and that the said corporation shall be able and capable, in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer, and be answered, defend, and be defended, in all courts, and all and every other matter and thing therein to do, in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, body politic or corporate in this State, in the like cases can or may do; and that they shall have full power to demand and receive, and if need be, to sue for, and recover all debts, rents and legacies which are now due, or may become due to the said Convention; and to demand, have, and take all deeds, bonds, and mortgages, notes, books, and other writings or things which belong to the said Convention; and shall and may have and use a common seal, with such device or devices as they shall think proper, and the same to break, renew, or alter at pleasure.

3. And be it enacted that it shall be lawful for the said corporation to appoint a Treasurer, during their pleasure, who shall hold and manage the said funds, subject to the instruction and control of the said corporation, and who shall render an account of the same at every annual meeting of the said corporation, and oftener, if required, and give security for the faithful discharge of his duties, if required to do so, and pay out moneys under such regulations and orders as the said corporation may from time to time adopt—*Provided nevertheless*, and it is hereby enacted, That nothing in this act contained, shall prevent the Legislature from altering, amending or repealing the same, whenever, in their opinion, the public good requires it.

AN ACT

To incorporate religious societies worshipping according to the customs and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Passed Feb. 17th, 1829.

Whereas, the act entitled, "An act to incorporate trustees of religious societies," passed the twelfth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, is, in some respects, inconsistent with the Constitution, usages, and customs of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State—And whereas, the Convention of the said Church have prayed the aid of the Legislature in the premises, Therefore,

Sec 1. Be it enacted, By the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That when any congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

this State, duly organized according to the Constitution and usages of said Church, desire to form themselves into a body corporate, notice shall be given of such intention ten days previously, by an advertisement set up in open view at or near the place where such congregation usually assemble for divine service, designating the day when, and the place where, they design to meet for that purpose.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the congregation having met at the time and place appointed, the Rector or Minister, or if there be no Rector or Minister, or he be necessarily absent, one of the Church wardens or Vestrymen shall preside at the meeting, and the Secretary of the Vestry shall record the proceedings of the meeting. The congregation shall then proceed, by a vote of the majority of those present, to designate the corporate name or title by which the Church shall be known, which shall be in the manner and form as follows: "the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of——Church, in——." The congregation shall then choose two Wardens, and not more than ten, nor less than five Vestrymen, and also fix and determine the day annually, on which new elections of officers shall take place.—A certificate of these proceedings, under the hands and seals of the President and Secretary of the meeting, shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the county, whose duty it shall be to record the same, for which he shall be entitled to receive the usual compensation for similar service.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen, appointed as aforesaid, shall be a body corporate and politic, in law and in fact, to have continuance forever, under the same restrictions, and with the same rights and privileges, as are expressed in the "Act to incorporate trustees of religious societies," passed the twelfth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine—*Provided, nevertheless,* that if at any time the Church be without a Minister or Rector, the same rights and privileges shall be vested in the Wardens and Vestrymen.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen, and their successors, or a majority of them, may make such rules, by-laws, and ordinances, and do every thing needful and requisite for the good government and support of the Church, all of which shall be entered in a book, to be provided and kept for that purpose—*Provided,* that the said rules, by-laws, and ordinances shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State, or of the United States.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That the qualification of voters at the annual elections shall be conformable to the Constitution and principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New Jersey.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen shall choose a Treasurer, who, when called upon for that purpose, shall render a true and just account to the corporation, of all moneys by him received and expended, and pay over the balance which may remain in his hands at the time of settlement, to his successor in office.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That when a vacancy shall occur in the office of Minister or Rector, by death, removal, or otherwise, the said Wardens and Vestrymen, (two-thirds of them concurring in the choice,) may choose some fit person, duly qualified, to act as Minister or Rector of said Church, agreeably to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; and the Minister or Rector so chosen, shall preside at all meetings of the Wardens and Vestrymen, and have a casting vote, except the business or question to be decided has relation to the personal interest of said Minister or Rector; *Provided,* that in the absence of the President, the Wardens and Vestrymen may choose a President, *pro tempore*.

Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, incorporated under existing laws, to embrace the privileges of this Act, by compliance with, and adopting its provisions.

'USEFUL FORMS.

FORMS FOR THE INCORPORATION OF CHURCHES.

Under Act 17th Feb. 1829.

Form of Notice to Incorporate.

Notice is hereby given to the members of — Church in — and to those who desire to associate themselves with said Church, that a meeting will be held in —, on the — day of —, at the house of —, for the purpose of taking measures necessary to incorporate the Church, agreeably to "*An Act to incorporate religious societies worshipping according to the customs and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church,*" passed Feb. 17, 1829.

Dated, &c.

[to be signed by the Minister or Wardens.]

NOTE.—It will be necessary in the case of new congregations, that they should previously meet and organize by the choice of two Wardens, five or more Vestrymen, not exceeding ten, and a Secretary for the Vestry.

Certificate of Incorporation.

To all whom these presents may concern: We whose names and seals are hereunto affixed do certify, That the congregation of — Church in —, in the county of — and State of New Jersey—which is a society worshipping according to the customs and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church—desiring to form themselves into a body corporate, according to the Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, in such case made and provided, met in — Church aforesaid, in the said town of — on the — day of — in the year of our Lord —, pursuant to ten days previous notice, given as the intention of the said congregation to form themselves into a body corporate, by an advertisement set up in open view on the outer door of the said Church (or as the case may be,) it being the place where the said congregation usually assemble for divine service, which notice designated the day when, and the place where, they designed to meet for that purpose; the Rector (or Minister,—or if none, say, *There being no Rector or Minister,* — Esq., one of the Church-Wardens) of the said Church presided, and —, the Secretary of the Vestry, recorded the proceedings.

The congregation then proceeded, by a vote of a majority of those present, to designate the corporate name or title by which the said Church shall be known, and which is, "The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of — Church, in —." The congregation then chose —, Wardens, and (not less than five or more than ten) — Vestrymen, and also by a majority of voices fixed and determined on the (Tuesday or other day) in the week called Easter Week, (or any other day,) annually as the day on which new elections of officers of the said Church shall take place. In testimony whereof, and in order that these proceedings may be recorded, we the Rector (Minister or Church-wardens) and Secretary aforesaid, have hereunto set our hands and seals this — day of —, in the year of our Lord, &c.

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FORMS OF PRAYER.

THE FORM OF BIDDING PRAYER;

AS IT IS USED IN

ST. MARY'S HALL, AND BURLINGTON COLLEGE.

Ye shall pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church; and, as I am more especially bound, I bid your prayers for that pure and apostolic Branch of it, which God has planted in the United States of America.

Ye shall pray for the President of the United States, and for the Governor of this State, and for all that are in civil authority over us; that all, and every of them, in their several callings, may serve truly to the glory of God, and the edifying and well governing of His people, remembering the account they have to give.

Ye shall pray for the Ministers of God's Holy Word and Sacraments: whether they be Bishops, and herein more especially for the Bishop of this Diocese; or Priests and Deacons, and herein more especially for the clergy here residing; that they may all shine like lights in the world, and adorn the doctrine of God, our Saviour, in all things.

Ye shall pray for all the people of these United States, that they may live in the true Faith and Fear of God, and in brotherly charity, one towards another.

And, for a due supply of persons qualified to serve God, and set forth His glory, ye shall pray for all Schools and Seminaries of godly and good learning, and for all whose hands are opened for their maintenance, and more especially for St. Mary's Hall, and Burlington College, and all benefactors of the same: that, in these and all other places more immediately dedicated to God's honour and service, whatsoever tends to the advancement of true religion and useful learning, may forever flourish and abound.

Finally, let us praise God for all those which are departed out of this life, in the Faith of Christ; and pray unto God, that we may have grace to direct our lives after their good example; that, this life ended, we may be made partakers, with them, of the glorious resurrection, in the life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Let us pray.

A FORM OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD,

FOR THE INESTIMABLE BLESSINGS OF RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL LIBERTY, PERMITTED TO BE USED IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY, ON THE FOURTH DAY OF JULY; UNLESS IT FALLS ON SUNDAY, WHEN THE SAME MAY BE USED ON THE DAY FOLLOWING.

¶ *The Service shall be as usual, except where it is hereby otherwise appointed.*

¶ *Among the Sentences at Morning Prayer shall be the following:*

The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.—*Deut.* 33. 27.

Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.—*Verse* 28.

Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people favored by the Lord; the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency.—*Verse* 29.

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us; he shall bless them that fear him, both small and great.—*Psalms* 115. 12, 13.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men.—*Psalms* 107. 21.

Instead of "O come let us sing, &c." the following Hymn shall be said or sung:

My Song shall be alway of the loving kindness | of the | Lord ||
with my mouth will I ever be shewing His Truth from one gene | ra-
tion | to an | other.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done His | marvellous |
Works || that they | ought to be | had in re | membrance.

Who can express the noble Acts | of the | Lord || or | shew forth |
all His | Praise.

The works of the | Lord are | great || sought out of all them | that
have | pleasure there | in.

For He will not | always be | chiding || neither keepeth | He His |
anger for | ever.

He hath not dealt with us | after our | sins || nor rewarded us ac-
cording | to our | wicked | ness.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison | of the | earth ||
so great is His | mercy toward | them that | fear Him.

Yea, like as a father pitieth | his own | children || even so is the Lord merciful | unto | them that | fear Him.

Thou, O God, hast | proved | us || Thou also hast tried us, | like as | silver is | tried.

Thou didst remember us in our low estate, and redeem us | from our | enemies || for Thy | mercy en | dureth for | ever.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the 118 Psalm.*

¶ *The first Lesson shall be, Deut. viii ; and the second, 1 Thess. v. 12 to 24.*

¶ *A Thanksgiving for the day, to be said after the general Thanksgiving.*

O God, Whose name is excellent in all the earth, and Thy glory above the heavens : Who as on this day didst inspire and direct the hearts of our delegates in Congress, to lay the perpetual foundations of peace, liberty, and safety : we bless and adore Thy glorious Majesty, for this Thy loving kindness and providence. And we humbly pray that the devout sense of this signal mercy may renew and increase in us a spirit of love and thankfulness to Thee, its only Author, a spirit of peaceable submission to the laws and government of our country, and a spirit of fervent zeal for our holy religion, which Thou hast preserved and secured to us and our posterity. May we improve these inestimable blessings for the advancement of religion, liberty and science throughout this land, till the wilderness and solitary place be glad through us, and the desert blossom as the rose. All this, we beg through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *The Collect to be used, instead of that for the Day.*

Almighty God, Who hast in all ages shewed forth Thy power and mercy in the wonderful preservation of Thy Church, and in the protection of every nation and people professing Thy holy and eternal Truth, and putting their sure trust in Thee ; we yield Thee our unfeigned thanks and praise for all Thy public mercies ; and more especially for that signal and wonderful manifestation of thy providence which we commemorate this day : wherefore, not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name be ascribed all honor and glory, in all Churches of the saints, from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Epistle.* Philip iv. 4.

Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, rejoice. Let your Moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: But in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God; and the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

¶ *The Holy Gospel.* St. John viii. 32.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, we be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: How sayest thou, ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin, is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever; but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

 THANKSGIVING;

ALLOWED TO BE USED AT MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER,
WHEN A CHURCH HAS BEEN SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION BY FIRE.

O Almighty God, Who art a strong tower of defence unto Thy servants who trust in Thee; Who hast said to Thy redeemed, "when ye pass through the waters, I will be with you, neither shall the flame kindle upon you;" we yield Thee praise and thanksgiving, for our deliverance from the great and imminent danger, wherewith we recently were compassed; acknowledging it of Thy goodness, that our "holy and beautiful House, wherein our fathers worshipped" Thee, was not delivered over as a prey to the devouring fire; and beseeching Thee still to continue to us Thy mercy, that all the world may know that Thou art our Deliverer, and that we may serve Thee all our days, in piety and charity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SEASON OF CONFIRMATION;

RECOMMENDED TO BE USED IN FAMILIES,

WHERE THERE ARE ANY TO BE CONFIRMED.

BEFORE CONFIRMATION.

O God, by Whose merciful Providence the Holy Church continueth to observe the doctrine of Baptism and of the Laying on of Hands: We beseech Thee to be with Thy servant, our Bishop, when he shall come, as the successor of Thy Apostles, to administer in this parish the blessed Ordinance of Confirmation; and grant that *these Thy servants* may approach the rite with *bodies* undefiled, with *watchful minds*, and *pure hearts*; that being filled with Thy good Spirit, *they* may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but manfully fight under His banner, against sin, the world and the Devil, and continue His faithful *soldiers* and *servants* unto *their lives'* end: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AFTER CONFIRMATION.

O God, Who gavest the Holy Ghost to Thy Apostles, and hast pleased to ordain that by them, and by their successors, He should be given to the rest of Thy faithful people: mercifully regard what Thy servant, our Bishop, hath this day done; and grant that the *hearts of these Thy servants*, being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may be living *temples* of the Holy Ghost. Keep *them* in steadfast union with Thy Holy Church; and make *them* always worthy *partakers* of Thy divine and blessed Mysteries, through faith in Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer, Who died for our sins, and ever liveth to make intercession for us. *Amen.*

A PRAYER;

TO BE USED IN ANY CONGREGATION IN THE DIOCESE,
DURING THE ERECTION OF A CHURCH.

O, Almighty God, Who hast given unto us, Thy servants, grace, to erect an house, for the honour of Thy name, and for the comfort and salvation of the souls, for which, Thy only Son did shed His precious blood, accept the offering, which, in all humility, we bring to Thee, of that, which is Thine own; and bless Thy servants, and their service. "Prosper, Thou the work of our hands upon us," O God; "O, prosper Thou our handy work." Direct their counsels, to whom the work is specially entrusted, that it may be ordered, to Thy greatest glory, and to the greatest good of Thy believing people. Have, in Thy Holy keeping, the building, and whatsoever appertains to it: that our sacred purpose may be brought, the soonest, to the best result. Direct and bless the skill and industry of the Architect, the master-builders, and the workmen. May they be safe from every accident, and secure from every danger. And may all, who are, in any way connected with this temple, made with hands, be built up, through the operation of Thy Holy Spirit, as living stones, acceptable to Thee, through Him, who is the tried and precious corner-stone, Thy Son, our only Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PASTORAL LETTER,

TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY ;*

ON THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF CHURCH WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN.

Dear Brethren, I have been requested to address you on this subject, and in this way, by a vote of your Convention. There can be no doubt of the importance of having every thing connected with our ecclesiastical organization clearly and fully understood. In this respect, the wisdom of those who have gone before, has left little for me to say, as to the topic on which I now address you. As long ago as 1804, my venerable predecessor, then a Presbyter of the Diocese, as one of a Committee, appointed on the motion of the Rev. Andrew Fowler, (still performing active duty in another diocese, though an octogenarian,) made a report as to the duties of Church Wardens and Vestrymen, which appears to me to embody the whole practical wisdom of the subject. As the Report was then adopted, it is now the Law of the diocese. And as the Journal of that year is not extant in more than two or three copies, I shall insert it here; adding only by way of notes, some few suggestions, or incidental points, addressed chiefly to my brethren of the Laity.

"THE DUTIES OF THE WARDENS ARE

I. To provide, for the Churches, of which they have the care,† a Bible and Prayer Book, of suitable size, at the expense of the parish.

II. To make the collections which are usual in the Churches.

III. To provide, at the expense of the congregation, a sufficient quantity of fine white bread, and good wholesome wine,‡ for the celebration of the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

IV. To provide a proper book, at the charge of the parish, in which shall be written by the Rector, or in case of vacancy, by one of the Wardens, the name of every person baptized, married, and buried, in the parish, and the time when such baptism, marriage and burial took place.||

* This is reprinted here in consequence of frequent enquiry for it.

† Wardens, that is *guardians*.—G. W. D.

‡ I am sorry to say that this regulation is not sufficiently regarded. That has been provided for the Holy Sacrament, within my knowledge, which was scarcely wine. Surely, we should serve the Lord with the best of that which He gives us. Especially, in this most solemn mystery.—G. W. D.

|| The names of persons confirmed, and received as communicants, should also be recorded; with a notice of their death or removal when it occurs.

G. W. D.

V. To present to the Bishop of the diocese, (or, if there is no Bishop, to the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Church in the State,) every Priest and Deacon residing in the parish to which they belong, who has voluntarily relinquished his sacerdotal office, and uses such employments as belong to laymen.

VI. To take care that the Church of which they have the charge be kept in good repair, well glazed, and free from dirt and dust, as becomes the house of God;* that the Church yard be decently fenced; and to cause that order be preserved during divine service.†

VII. To diligently see that the parishioners resort to Church on Sundays, and there continue the whole time of divine service; and to gently admonish them when they are negligent.

VIII. To prevent any idle persons continuing in the Church yard or porch, during divine service, by causing them either to enter the Church or depart;‡ and to prohibit the sale of any thing in the yard.

IX. To give an account to the Corporation of the Church, if it has no Treasurer, at the expiration of each year, of the money they have received, and what they have expended in repairs, &c.; and when they go out of office, to give a fair account of their money transactions relative to the Church, and deliver up to their successors the Church property in their possession.

THE DUTIES OF VESTRYMEN ARE,

I. To transact all the temporal business of their respective Churches.

II. To collect the moneys stipulated to be paid to the Minister ;||

* It is but justice to say, that, as to the preservation of Churches, this diocese, with scarcely an exception, is exemplary.—G. W. D.

† The Wardens, in some parishes, are not sufficiently attentive to this part of their duty: perhaps from the fear of seeming to take too much upon themselves. In this respect, the present re-publication will be of service, in strengthening their hands. It should never be necessary for the officiating Minister to reprove disorder during the service: nor should his attention be permitted to be distracted by its occurrence.—G. W. D.

‡ The custom which exists in some places, of collecting at the Church door before the time of service, is one "more honoured in the breach than in the observance;" and is virtually included in this regulation.—G. W. D.

|| On the subject of paying pew rents, or other dues to the Church, there is sometimes, it must be feared, a want of consideration on the part of the Laity. The office of Vestryman or Warden is held, and its duties are discharged, for the love of God, and the edification of His Church: and they never should be made more onerous than they necessarily are. Their duty to collect involves the duty of the parishioners to pay—and that promptly and cheerfully, "as to the Lord, and not unto man."—G. W. D.

and at the expiration of any year, if there be a deficiency of the sum requisite, to give information thereof to the congregation convened for that purpose ; and, if necessary, to enforce the payment of the sum deficient.

III. Also, in the absence of the Wardens, to do the several duties which are more particularly assigned to them."

The blessing, with which the Lord our God is pleased to bless us, is, with generous hearts, the strongest motive to increased obedience and devotion. Let it be so with you, dear brethren ; and may you daily seek for grace and find it daily given, that "whatsoever you do in word or in deed," you may "do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.*"

GEORGE W. DOANE,

Bishop of New Jersey.

Riverside, Festival of St. Peter, 1840.

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS,

IN

THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY;

With the date of their origin, as near as could be ascertained ;
or of their admission into union with the Convention.

St. Peter's, Perth Amboy, before 1700, probably 1685.
Christ, Shrewsbury and Middletown, 1702.
St. Mary's, Burlington, 1704.
St. John's, Elizabethtown, 1704.
St. John's, Salem, 1721.
Trinity, Newark, 1725.
Christ, New Brunswick, 1742-43.
Christ, Newton, 1759.
Christ, Allentown, before the Revolution.
Christ, Johnsonburgh.
Trinity, Woodbridge, before the Revolution.
St. Andrew's, Mount Holly, before the Revolution.
St. Michael's, Trenton, before the Revolution.
St. James', Piscatawa, before the Revolution.
St. Mary's, Colestown, before the Revolution.
St. Peter's, Spottswood, 1756.
St. Peter's, Freehold, 1788, probably much earlier.
St. James', Knowlton, 1788.
St. John's, Chew's Landing, 1791, probably earlier.
St. Peter's, Berkeley, 1791, probably earlier.
Trinity, Swedesborough, 1792.
St. George's, Penn's Neck, 1792.
St. Thomas', Glassborough, 1791.
St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill, 1823.
St. Thomas's Alexandria.
St. Matthew's, Jersey City, 1824.
St. Paul's, Paterson, 1824.
St. Mark's, Orange, 1827.
St. Peter's, Morristown, 1827.
St. Luke's, Hope, 1828.
St. Paul's, Camden, 1830.
Trinity, Princeton, 1833.
Christ, Bordentown, 1835.
Christ, Belleville, 1836. Formerly, Chapel of Trinity, Newark.
St. Paul's, Rahway, 1836.
St. Paul's, Hoboken, 1836.

Trinity Chapel, Moravia.
 Zion, Belvidere.
 St. Stephen's, Beverly, 1837.
 Grace, Newark, 1837.
 Trinity, Moorestown, 1838.
 Calvary, Flemington, 1843.
 Grace, Haddonfield, 1843.
 Trinity, Fairview, 1845.
 St. Andrew's, Amwell, at Lambertville, 1846.
 Grace, (Van Voorst, in) Jersey City 1847.
 St. Philip's, Newark, 1848.
 St. Matthew's, Newark, 1848.
 St. Thomas', Vernon, 1848.
 St. Paul's, Trenton, 1849.
 Ascension, Gloucester, 1849.
 Grace, Elizabethport, 1850.
 Trinity, Middletown Point, 1850.
 House of Prayer, Newark, 1851.
 Christ Free Mission, Newark, 1852.
 St. John's, Somerville, 1852.
 St. John's, Camden, 1852.
 Church of the Holy Trinity, Hudson, 1852.
 St. John's, Dover, 1852.
 St. Paul's, Newark, 1853.
 Christ, Elizabethtown, 1853.
 St. Stephen's, Millville, 1853.
 St. James', Long Branch, 1854.
 St. Stephen's, South Amboy, 1854.
 Trinity, Hoboken, 1854.
 Grace, Orange, 1854.
 Grace, Plainfield, 1854.
 St. Barnabas', Newark, 1855.
 St. Peter's, Newark, 1855.
 St. Mark's, Newark, 1855.
 Grace, Madison, 1855.
 Church of the Redeemer, Morristown, 1856.
 Trinity, Jersey City, 1856.
 St. Barnabas' Free Mission, Burlington, 1857.
 St. John's, Paterson, 1857.
 St. Luke's, Philipsburg, 1857.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON:

THE RIGHT REV. GEORGE WASHINGTON DOANE, D.D., LL.D., RECTOR;

THE REV. CHARLES FREDERICK HOFFMAN M. A., CURATE.

Families and pewholders, 122; individuals, 406; baptisms, (adults 11, infants 41,) 52; confirmed, 57; marriages, 2; churchings, 3; burials, 12; communicants, (added 20, removed into the parish 11, removed from the parish, 125, died 5,) present number, 253; the Holy Communion celebrated weekly and on every Holy day and Saint's day; in the Church 78 times, in private 4 times; daily Parish School, 1, partly paid and partly free; Teachers, Anna W. Blackney and Mary Magraw; Scholars, males 3, females 50; Catechists and Sunday School Teachers, male 4, female 11, total 15; catechumens 60; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 60; number of times, on the first Sunday of each month, and every Wednesday and Friday; Sunday Scholars, 90; total number of young persons instructed, 140; Parish Library, 300; Sunday School Library, 274; Bible Class, 25; celebration of Divine Service, twice on Sundays; on Holy days, Morning Prayer; the Communion Office at noon; Evening Prayer; other days, daily Morning and Evening Prayer; with a Sermon every Thursday night, and on the Eves of all Saints' days.

Offerings: Episcopal Fund, \$9.00; Missions of the Diocese, \$175.30;* Theological Education Fund, \$17.00; General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and Church Book Society, \$14.50; Board of Missions: Domestic Committee, \$40.00; Foreign Committee, \$31.71; Parochial Schools, \$54.48†; for the Poor, \$188.33; Parish purposes, \$24.18; Church purposes, not included in the above, \$125.00. Total, \$679.50.

CURATE'S REPORT.

Rt. Rev'd Father,—

Not having become Curate of St. Mary's Church, until St. Stephen's Day of the present Conventional year, I have but little to report; and more particularly as I was kept by various causes from entering upon my duties in the Parish, until the first Sunday in Lent. From that time until the present date, I have performed the following duties in the Parish, in addition to the other daily duties of a Parish Priest.

Read morning service 16 times, evening prayer 13 times, the Litany as a

* Of this \$35.00 have been paid for Diocesan printing, and \$39.00 for Visitation expenses, not paid by the parishes visited.

† The yearly subscription to the Parochial Schools, beside the offertory, amounts to \$200.00.

separate service on Rogation days, twice ; taken part in other services 115 times, preached 18 times, administered the Holy Communion 12 times, (once in private,) catechised the children 15 times, and buried 1 person.

Faithfully your son in the Body of Christ,

CHARLES FREDERICK HOFFMAN.

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop of New Jersey.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PERTH AMBOY.

THE REV. ALEXANDER JONES, D. D., RECTOR ELECT.

Number of families, 41 ; baptisms, infants, 6 ; confirmed, 1 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 8 ; communicants, added anew, 1 ; died, 1 ; present number, 74 ; The Holy Communion, celebrated on the first Sunday of each month ; number of times in the Church, 12 ; in private, 1 ; District visitors, 13 ; Catechists and Sunday School Teachers, female, 8 ; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 28 ; number of times, monthly ; Sunday Scholars, (not included in the foregoing,) 80 ; total number of young persons instructed, 105 ; Sunday School library, 250 volumes ; celebration of Divine Service, every Sunday, twice, morning and afternoon ; Holy Days, Good Friday and Christmas ; other days, Wednesdays and Fridays, during Lent ; Total, 120.

Offerings—Domestic Committee, \$51.56 ; Foreign Committee, \$80.40 ; The Poor, \$93.35 ; Parish Purposes, \$1060.00 ; Total, \$1285 21.

CHRIST CHURCH AND TRINITY CHAPEL, SHREWSBURY.

THE REV. HARRY FINCH, RECTOR.

Number of families, about 80 ; baptisms, infants, 9 ; confirmed, 2 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, 15 ; added anew, 3 ; removed from the parish, 2 ; died, 4 ; present number, about 160 ; the Holy Communion, celebrated on the first Sunday of each month, and on the principal Festivals ; one daily parish school, free ; Teachers name, John N. Still, colored ; scholars, males 4, females 108, colored ; Sunday School library, about 200 volumes.

Offerings:—Missions of the Diocese, \$54.72 ; Fund for aged and infirm clergymen, \$3.03 ; Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, \$3.82 ; Domestic Committee, \$15.28 ; Foreign Committee, \$4.52 ; Parochial Schools, \$1.31 ; The Poor, \$28.27 ; Parish Purposes, about \$250.90 ; Church purposes, not included in the above, being tax for Journal, \$11.84 ; Total \$372.79.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH.

THE REV. SAMUEL A. CLARK, RECTOR.

Baptisms, adults, 2 ; infants, 32 ; total, 34 ; confirmed, 19 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 13 ; communicants added, 55 ; died or removed, 10 ; present number, 139 ; Sunday Schools, 2 : teachers, 17 ; pupils, 135 ; bible classes, 2 ; teach-

era, 2; pupils, 20; total, teachers, 19; pupils 155; children catechised monthly. Contributions—Foreign missions, \$101.39, (of which \$17.60 from the Sunday Schools;) Domestic missions, Episcopal Missionary Association for the West, Western Church Extension Society, American Sunday School Union, and Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$207.30, (of which \$34 from the Sunday Schools,) City Tract Society, \$29.82; Sunday School library, \$150; Parish library (recently established) \$145.36; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, \$40.20; County Bible Society, \$26; Ladies Sewing Society, \$300; Convention fund, \$20; other objects, \$505.18; Parish Purposes, \$3373.33; Total, \$4898.58.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SALEM.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

Families, (removed 1, added 4,) 59; baptisms. (adults 2, infants 23,) 25; confirmed, 6; communicants, (died 2, removed 8, added 3,) 79; marriages, 6; funerals, 8; Sunday School teachers, 9; scholars, 60.

Contributions—Diocesan, \$72.91; Domestic Missions, including special collection, \$98; Foreign, including amount subscribed towards re-building mission building in Africa, \$62; general benevolence, \$39; parochial, \$746; Communion alms to Easter Sunday, \$89.61; total, \$1098.52. Communion monthly, and on principal Festivals; celebration of Divine service, Sundays, Holy Days and Fridays. During the vacancy, the Church, in the absence of a Clergyman, has been opened and prayers read morning and afternoon, on Sunday, and on Friday morning.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWARK.

THE REV. J. TREDWELL WALDEN, MINISTER.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 41; total, 44; confirmed 14; communicants, added, 25, marriages, 12; funerals, 35. Offerings—Communion alms, \$240.66; special collections for the poor, \$141.69; city mission to the poor, \$274.92; clothing society, \$37; general missions, domestic, \$69.07, (of which \$30.16 was the Christmas offering of the Sunday School,) foreign, \$28.80; parochial Sunday School, \$210.43; general mission in Newark, \$230.33; mission at Fort Des Moines, \$77.34; mission at East Newark, \$23.50; missions in Indiana, \$47.35; whole amount of offerings, \$1381.09.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE REV. ALFRED STUBBS, D.D., RECTOR.

Number of families, 100; number of individuals, 500; baptisms, (adults 1, infants 20,) total, 21; confirmed, 12; marriages, 8; burials, 15; communicants, present number, 130; the Holy Communion celebrated, on the first Sunday of the month, and on all high festivals; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, about 50; number of times, every Sun-

day ; Bible Classes, one taught, on Friday afternoon, after evening prayer ; celebration of Divine Service, every Sunday, all Holy Days ; other days, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Offerings : Episcopal Fund, \$25 ; Missions of the Diocese, \$50 ; Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, \$25 ; the Poor, \$100 ; Parish Purposes, \$500 ; Church Purposes, not included in the above, \$200.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWTON.

THE REV. NATHANIEL PETTIT, RECTOR ELECT.

Families, 50 ; individuals, 160 ; baptisms (adults 3, infants 9) 12 ; confirmed, 9 ; marriages, 14 ; burials, 16 ; communicants, (added 9, removed into the parish 1, removed from the parish 2, died 2,) present number, 50 ; Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month, and on Christmas, Whit Sunday and Easter ; number of times in the Church 14, in private 1 ; Catechists and Sunday School Teachers—male 3, female 5, total 8 ; Catechumens 60 ; Sunday School Library, 250 ; Bible Classes, 2 ; celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, morning and night in parish Church ; afternoon, except during the winter months, in neighboring villages ; Holy days, Ash-Wednesday, Good Friday and Thanksgiving ; other days, each Friday in Lent ; total number of times, 151. Offerings—Episcopal Fund, \$5 ; Missions of the Diocese, \$5 ; Domestic Committee, \$17 ; Foreign Committee, \$14 ; for the poor, \$6 ; Parish purposes, \$274.19 ; Church purposes, not included in the above, \$40 ; total, \$361.19.

CHRIST CHURCH, ALLENTOWN :

THE REV. J. L. MAXWELL, RECTOR ELECT.

Communicants, 22 ; families, 17 ; baptisms, (infants 2, adults 1,) 3 ; Sunday School Scholars, about 30 ; Offerings, Domestic Missions, \$6, Foreign Missions, \$10.

In submitting my Report, I can only do so for the past six months, having had charge of the Church but since November last. Residing, until very recently, ten miles from the parish, I have travelled this distance, to and fro, each Sunday, except when prevented by illness, severe storms, or impassable roads ; and when absent, in such case, through the earnestness and faithfulness of this little congregation, the Church has still been open for lay services. We are encouraged ; and hope, by God's blessing, to have our numbers increased.

TRINITY CHURCH, WOODBRIDGE :

THE REV. H. N. PIERCE, MISSIONARY.

Families, 13 ; individuals, 50 ; baptism, 1 infant ; communicants, 12 ; the Holy Communion celebrated once in the Church ; Sunday School Library small ; celebration of Divine Service, Sunday afternoons.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MOUNT HOLLY:

THE REV. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, RECTOR.

Families, 70; baptisms, (adults 1, infants 12,) 13; confirmed, 8; marriages, 9; churchings, 4; burials, 5; communicants, (added, 11, removed from the parish, 4, died, 3,) present number, 80; the Holy Communion, monthly, Christmas, Easter and Whitsunday, in the Church 14 times, in private 13 times; Sunday School teachers, male 5, female 14, total 19; Catechumens, 203; Parish Library, 65, Sunday School Library, 828; celebration of Divine Service: Sundays, morning and afternoon, Christmas, Good Friday and Ascension Day, and every Wednesday afternoon, with a Sermon. Offerings: Missions of the Diocese, \$5; fund for aged and infirm Clergymen, \$10; Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, \$7.95; Board of Missions, Domestic Committee, \$78; Foreign Committee, \$45.39; for the Poor, \$80.23; Parish purposes, \$112.50; Church purposes, not included in the above, \$1250. Total, \$1589 07.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, TRENTON.

THE REV. SAMUEL CLEMENTS, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 17,) total 18; confirmed, 4; marriages, 6; burials, 17; communicants, added, 18; died and removed, 11; present number, 135; Sunday School Teachers, (male 6, female 11,) total, 17; Scholars, (male 80, female 100,) total, 180; Sunday School Library, about 343 books.

Offerings—St. Paul's Church, South Trenton, \$436.27; Episcopal Mission Society for the West, \$65.46; Foreign Missions, \$114.53; Sunday Schools, \$173.32; The Poor, \$48.14; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 10; Mercer county Bible Society, \$10; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$10; other purposes, \$35.65; total, \$903.35.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SPOTSWOOD:

THE REV. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, RECTOR.

Families, 46; Baptisms, (adults 3, infants 3,) total, 6; confirmed, 5; Marriages, 1; burials, 8; communicants, added anew, 3; removed into the parish, 2; removed from the parish, 2; died, 1; present number, about 50; the Holy Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of each month, and on each principal Festival; number of times in the Church, 17; in private, 1; daily Parish Schools, one commenced; teacher, Rev. J. F. Phillips; Scholars, (males 9, females 8,) 17; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 20 average; one Bible Class of 10; celebration of Divine Service, Sundays, morning and evening, two Sermons; Holy Days, Christmas, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Ascension, Morning Prayer and Sermons; other Days, Passion Week, and the days appointed to be commemorated, Morning Prayer. Offerings—Missions of the Diocese, \$7.

The Canonical collections, (except for Diocesan Missions,) have not been made; the Sunday offerings having been appropriated by the Vestry to Parochial objects. The Rector has officiated in several places in the neighborhood, occasionally during the year.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FREEHOLD:

THE REV. FRANCIS J. LIGHTBOURNE, RECTOR.

Number of families, 27 ; Number of individuals, 110 ; Baptisms, infants, 15 ; Confirmed, 2 ; Marriages, 2 ; Churchings, 4 ; Burials, 6 ; Communicants, (added 2, removed from the parish 1, died 1) present number, 35 ; the Holy Communion, celebrated in the Church, 15 times ; in private, 9 times ; Catechists and Sunday School Teachers, (male 1, female 3,) 4 ; Sunday Scholars, 15 ; Celebrations of Divine Service, Sundays, 100 ; Holy Days, 6 ; Total number of times, 106.

All the offerings taken up during the first year, have been applied to the liquidation of the debt on the Church.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KNOWLTON,

THE REV. EDWIN B. CHASE, MISSIONARY.

Number of families, 25 ; Number of individuals, 98 ; Baptisms, infants, 2 ; Communicants, 36 ; the Holy Communion, number of times celebrated in the Church, 1 ; Catechists and Sunday School Teachers, (male 4, female 5,) total, 9 ; Catechumens, 42 ; Celebrations of Divine Service: Sundays, 17 ; Holy Days, 2 ; total, 19.

The Parishoners of St. James' are devotedly attached to the Church of their fathers. Although a little flock, they are strong in faith. Some needed repairs are being made to the building. I officiate here every Sunday morning, except once in each month, in the evening, in order to allow St. Luke's Parish a morning service. The seats are free.

ST. PETERS CHURCH, BERKLEY, AT CLARKSBOROUGH.

THE REV. ARCHIBALD BEATTY, RECTOR ELECT.

Families, 38 ; Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 3,) total 4 ; Confirmed, 11 ; Marriages, 3 ; Burials, 12 ; (only 4 of the deceased were connected with the Parish,) Communicants added anew, 16 ; removed into the Parish, 4 ; died, 1 ; present number, 46 ; The Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month ; Sunday School Teachers' (male 5, female 6,) total, 11 ; Pupils, 61 ; Children Catechised monthly ; Books in the Parish Library, 242 ; Books in the Sunday School Library, 406 ; Bible Class, one held on Friday Evening, and designed for the Sunday School Teachers ; Celebrations of Divine Service, on Sundays, 38 ; Holy Days, 8 ; Other Days, 24 ; total 70. Offerings—Foreign Committee, \$27 from the Sunday School for Mrs. Thompson, Africa, \$142.72 ; Communion Alms, \$16.50 ; Parish purposes, \$142.72. Total, \$208.47.

The above Report dates from the 1st of December, 1856, at which time the Rector elect assumed the charge of the Parish. His predecessor, the Rev. Samuel C. Stratton labored here most faithfully for several years, and his instructions and example have not been in vain. There is in the present condition and prospects of the Parish, much to afford encouragement.

TRINITY CHURCH, SWEDESBORO'.

THE REV. WILLIAM J. ZIMMER, RECTOR.

Number of families, 69; Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 2,) total 4; Marriages, 3; burials, 12; Communicants, reported last year, 117; added 6; Died, 7; Present number, 116; The Holy Communion, celebrated, on the first Sunday in every month, and Christmas day, Number of times in private, 2; Catechists and Sunday School Teachers, (male 3, female 5,) total, 8; Number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 30; Number of times, 5: Sunday Scholars, [not included in the foregoing,] 20; Total number of young persons instructed, about 50; Parish Library, 50; Sunday School Library, 300; Celebration of Divine Service: Sundays, 2; Holy Days, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday; Other Days, Thanksgiving Day, and Easter Tuesday.

Offerings—Domestic Committee, \$15; Foreign Committee, \$15; The Poor, \$36.05.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GLASBORO'.

THE REV. WILLIAM HERBERT NORRIS, MINISTER OFFICIATING.

Baptisms, infants 5, marriages, 1; burials, 2; Communicants, 14; the Holy Communion, celebrated, on the third Sunday in every month; Sunday School Library, 100 volumes.

Offerings—Episcopal Fund, \$12; Missions of the Diocese, \$10.

The work to be done in this Parish requires a resident Minister. I cannot hope to do more than keep things standing as they are.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JERSEY CITY:

THE REV. JAMES J. BOWDEN, RECTOR.

Families, 142; baptisms, (adults 4, infants 32,) 36; confirmed, 13; marriages, 17; burials, 15; communicants, 184. The contributions in this parish to various purposes have amounted to about \$1000; but owing to the absence of the Treasurer, I cannot give the precise sum.

GRACE CHURCH, VAN VORST, JERSEY CITY:

THE REV. DAVID H. MACURDY, RECTOR ELECT.

Baptisms, (infants 35, adults 3,) 38; confirmations, 22; communicants, (died or removed 26, added 31,) 145; marriages, 7; funerals, 20; Sunday School, Catechists 18, Catechumens 128, Books 250; Offerings, Parochial, \$378.94, Diocesan, \$25.22, General, \$35.00, the poor, \$191.97. Total, \$631.13.

Since the last report the floating debt of the Parish, amounting to about \$900, has been liquidated by the subscriptions of a few individuals. Monthly Offerings are now appropriated to create a Sinking Fund for the extinguishment of the mortgage debt. A very elegant Episcopal Chair has been present

sented by a liberal hearted parishioner. And the interior of the chancel has been completed after the tasteful designs of our accomplished Architect, D. Lienau, Esq. Services as in former years.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PATERSON:

THE REV. JOHN KELLY, RECTOR.

Families, 82; baptisms, (infants,) 35; confirmed, 3; churchings, 1; burials, 20; communicants, (died 1,) 80; the Holy Communion celebrated on the first Sunday in each month, and on the greater Festivals, and twice in private; Sunday School, teachers, 30; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, the whole School, monthly; Sunday Scholars, 175; celebration of Divine Service, twice every Sunday; the Holy Days, and twice a week during Lent, except Passion Week, and then daily. Offerings: fund for aged and infirm Clergymen, \$16; for the Poor, \$100; parish purposes, \$306.20. Total, \$422.20.

The present Rector took charge of this parish in January last; and although he has not been long enough in it to warrant him in saying much, yet, judging from the good will and hearty kindness he has thus far met with, he is very hopeful that a good work is before him and his people.

A fine commodious house has been secured for a Rectory, and put in good repair, and is now ready for occupation. The amount required to meet the cash payments on the property, (\$1400,) and to make the repairs, was promptly subscribed; and the balance, (1600,) on mortgage, will doubtless be taken care of in due time.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, ORANGE:

THE REV. JAMES A. WILLIAMS, RECTOR.

Families, 88; baptisms, (adults 1, infants 21) 22; confirmed, 8; marriages, 3; burials, 9; communicants, (added, 6, removed, into the parish, 8, removed from the parish, 7, died, 2,) present number, 160; the Holy Communion celebrated on Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday, and on the first Sunday in each month, in the Church 13 times; Catechists and Sunday School teachers; male, 2; female, 5; total, 7; Catechumens, 60; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 80; number of times, on the afternoon of the first Sunday in each month; Sunday Scholars, 20; total number of young persons instructed, 100; Sunday School Library, 600 volumes; other Schools, Classical School of Rev. S. S. Stocking, St. Mark's Hall; Divine Service, celebrated twice every Sunday; on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas, and Thanksgiving Day; on Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent, and also on Fridays of each week during Easter season, Whitsuntide and Trinity season.

Offerings—Missions of the Diocese, \$100; fund for aged and infirm Clergymen, \$18; Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, \$48.60; Board of *Missions*: Domestic Committee, \$100; Foreign Committee, \$162.51; pare-

chial Schools and the poor (Communion Alms for parochial charities) \$194.52; Parish purposes, \$374; Church purposes, not included in the above, \$68. Total, \$1065.63.

St. Mark's Hall, a Boarding and Classical School, under the charge of Rev. S. S. Stocking, is in successful operation, and sustains the character acquired in former years.

The Ladies of the parish, associated for Missionary objects, have made up and transmitted clothing, for the use of Missionaries in the West, to the value of over *one hundred dollars*.

During the past year the services of the choir have been dispensed with, in the public worship of the Church, and congregational singing has been introduced, with a very gratifying measure of success.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MORRISTOWN:

THE REV. ROBERT NORRIS MERRITT, RECTOR.

Number of families, 60; number of individuals, 300; baptisms, (adults 2, infants 19) 21; confirmed, 17; churchings, 7; burials, 12; communicants, (added 21, removed into the parish 4, removed from the parish 11, died 3) present number, 114. The Holy Communion is celebrated monthly, and on the greater Festivals; in the Church 15 times, in private 2 times. Catechists and Sunday School Teachers: male 1, female 11, total 12; catechumens, 75; number of children taught the catechism openly in the Church, about 70; number of times, 12; total number of young persons instructed, 75; Parish Library, 240 volumes; Sunday School Library, 275 volumes. Divine Service celebrated twice on Sundays, twice on Holy Days whenever there is an Epistle and Gospel; also, twice on Wednesdays and Fridays, and on the Ember and Rogation days—probably about 330 times. Offerings—Episcopal Fund, \$80, given this year to the Bishop for his personal expenses; Missions of the diocese, \$30; fund for aged and infirm Clergymen, \$30; Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, \$20.75; Board of Missions, domestic Committee, \$81; foreign Committee, \$64; for the Poor, \$163.58; Parish purposes, \$275.41; Church purposes, not included in the above, \$181.68, for the following objects: for Mr. Breck, \$53.79; Sunday School, \$30.25; Sundry Missionaries, \$16; placed at the discretion of the Rector, \$59.15; Churching Offerings, \$12.50; Rev. Mr. Jaques' Mission, \$10. Total, \$926.42.

The remaining debt on the Church is fully provided for, and will be paid off during the coming year.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HOPE:

THE REV. EDWIN B. CHASE, MISSIONARY.

Number of families, 11; number of individuals, 45; communicants, 11; Catechists and Sunday School Teachers, male 2, female 2, total 4; Catechumens 15: Divine Service celebrated on Sundays, 10 times.

I have officiated here every alternate Sunday, during the cold weather,

and bad travelling ; but have now commenced, and, God willing, shall continue, to hold service every Sunday. The attendance has increased since I commenced holding services in January. More faith in God's promises, and more zeal in His service, among the laity, are needed, to see the parish flourishing. The sittings are free.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CAMDEN :

THE REV. J. F. GARRISON, M. D. RECTOR.

Number of families, 127 ; number of individuals, 400 ; baptisms, (adults 1, infants 17,) total, 18 ; confirmed, 10 ; marriages, 2 ; burials, 9 ; added anew, 10 ; removed into the parish, 14 ; removed from the parish, 6 ; died, 2 ; present number, 132 ; the Holy Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of each month, Christmas and Easter ; Catechists and Sunday School teachers : (male 8, female 12,) total 20 ; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 170 ; number of times, the first Sunday afternoon of every month ; Sunday School library, 390 ; bible classes, 2 ; celebration of Divine Service : Sundays, twice in the day, excepting the first Sunday in the month, and then a third service ; Holy Days, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Passion week ; Other Days, Wednesday evenings, Thanksgiving Day.

Offerings—Episcopal fund, \$25 ; Board of Missions, Domestic Committee, \$90 ; Foreign Committee, collection delayed unavoidably until Whit Sunday ; the poor, \$111 ; parish purposes, \$2000 ; Church purposes, not included in the above, for rebuilding the Church, \$7000 ; total, \$9,126.

TRINITY CHURCH, PRINCETON.

THE REV. WILLIAM D. HANSON, RECTOR.

Families, 44 ; number of individuals, 220 ; baptisms, (adults 1, infants 15,) total, 16 ; confirmed, 5 ; marriages, 2 ; burials, 3 ; communicants, added, 5 ; removed into the parish, 3 ; removed from the parish, 8 ; suspended or repelled, 1 ; present number, 62 ; the Holy Communion is celebrated monthly ; daily parish Schools, free to the children of the Church ; teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Downing ; scholars, (males 7, females 23,) total, 30 ; Catechists and Sunday School teachers, (male 2, female 6,) total 8 ; children catechised monthly in the Sunday School ; total number of young persons instructed, 78 ; Sunday School library, about to be considerably enlarged ; celebration of Divine Service : Sundays, morning and afternoon ; Holy Days, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Ascension ; Other Days, service in the Church weekly, from Ash Wednesday to the first of June : cottage lectures through Fall and Winter.

Offerings—Board of Missions : Domestic Committee, \$137.01 ; Foreign Committee, \$243.37½ ; the Poor, \$122.34 ; Church purposes, not included in the above, \$30.40 ; Conventional fund, \$12.74 ; various benevolent and other objects, \$113 ; total, \$658.86½.

CHRIST CHURCH, BORDENTOWN:

THE REV. EDWARD A. FOGGO, RECTOR.

Number of families, 47; number of individuals, about 350; baptisms, (adults 2, infants 3) total 5; confirmed, 1; burials, 7; communicants, (added 5, removed into the parish 2, removed from the parish 7, died 1,) present number, 58; the Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday in every month, and on the principal Festivals; Catechists and Sunday School teachers, male 3, female 7, total 10; Catechumens 50; number of children catechised openly in the Church, once every month, 50; Sunday Scholars, 30; total number of young persons instructed, 80; Parish Library, just commenced, with 25 books; Sunday School Library, over 200 volumes; one Bible Class with 7 scholars: celebration of Divine Service, twice every Sunday, on all Holy Days, and in Summer once every week.

Offerings—Board of Missions, domestic Committee, \$13.12; for the Poor, \$63; Parish purposes, \$104. Total, \$180.12.

This parish, we trust, will be free from all debt after this year; and its temporal affairs are in a healthy condition. We feel sure, moreover, that its *spiritual* affairs are improving and encouraging. The number of communicants is greatly increased in the summer months, by visitors from the city. I have not of course included *them* in this report.

CHRIST CHURCH, BELLEVILLE:

THE REV. HENRY BEERS SHERMAN, RECTOR ELECT.

Families, 69; baptisms, (infants) 18; confirmed, 3; marriages, 5; communicants, (died 3, removed 10, added 7,) 67; burials, 9; Sunday Scholars (in three schools) 149. Offerings—Communion Alms, \$106.43; Missionary and charitable contributions, for other than parochial objects, \$513.20.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RAHWAY:

THE REV. H. N. PIERCE, RECTOR.

Families, 60; number of individuals, about 300; baptisms, (adults 6, infants 28,) total, 34; confirmed, 10; marriages, 10; burials, 22; communicants, (added 10, removed into the parish 11, removed from the parish 10,) present number, 107. The Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday in each month, Easter, Christmas, and on Thursday in Holy Week; number of times in private, 1; Catechists and Sunday School Teachers: male 6, female 15, total 21; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 115, once every month; total number of young persons instructed, 130; Sunday School Library, 390 volumes. Celebration of Divine Service: Sundays, morning and evening, 104 times; on all Holy Days, two services, (once excepted,) 56 times; and two services every Wednesday and Friday during Lent, 22 times. Total, 182 celebrations.

Offerings—Episcopal Fund, \$23.16; Missions of the Diocese, \$23.00;

General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and Church Book Society, \$10; for the poor, \$111; Parish purposes, \$150.62; Church purposes, not included in the above, Sunday School, \$54. Total, \$361.78.

During the greater part of the past Conventional year the Rector has held services on Sunday afternoon in Trinity Church, Woodbridge. The first Sunday in each month, however, he has officiated only in his own parish.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, HOBOKEN:

THE REV. V. BRUCE, RECTOR.

Families, 100; number of individuals, 400; baptisms, (adults 6, infants 56,) 62; confirmed, 27; marriages, 13; churchings, 5; burials, 22; communicants, 90. The Holy Communion, celebrated in the Church 15 times, and in private 6 times. Catechists and Sunday School Teachers, male 4, female 13, total 17; Catechumens, 60; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 70; number of times, 6; total number of young persons instructed, 70; Sunday School Library, 130 volumes. Divine Service celebrated on Sundays 104 times, on Holy Days 34 times, and on other days 2 times. Total, 140 celebrations.

Offerings—Episcopal Fund, \$23; Missions of the Diocese, \$15; fund for aged and infirm Clergymen, \$18.03; Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, \$15; General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and Church Book Society, from Sunday School, \$8.60; for the Poor, \$287; Sunday School, \$35.90; new Furnace, \$71.97; towards Rectory, \$748.55; Melodeon for Sunday School, \$62.50; Church of the Good Shepherd, New York, \$16.56; Chippeway Mission, (Rev. Mr. Breck,) from Sunday School, \$5, from St. Junia's Church, New York, \$5, and from the Church of the Good Shepherd, New York, \$5; assessment General Convention, \$10.00. Total contributions, \$1327.11.

The amount specified towards securing a Rectory is the amount earned or received during the past year, by the Ladies Society of St. Paul's. By adding the amount previously reported, the sum total is \$1628.12. A result so encouraging demonstrates what may be accomplished by faith when it shews itself by works.

The unusual amount contributed towards the Poor of the parish arises from the liberality of one gentleman who sent to the Rector \$100.00 for the poor last winter; from another gentleman, who collected and handed to the Rector \$38 for a special object of compassion; and from another gentleman who remitted to the Rector \$24.50 in behalf of a half orphan.

A Stone Font, within the year, has been presented to St. Paul's Church, by two of the members of the parish. It is not only massive and beautiful in its outlines, but it has five of the Christian symbols finely wrought in basso relieve.

ZION CHURCH, BELVIDERE:

THE REV. EDWIN B. CHASE, MISSIONARY.

Number of families, 16; number of individuals, 36; communicants; present number, 11; the Holy Communion celebrated in the Church, once; Catechists and Sunday School teachers: (male 1, female 2,) total, 3; catechumens, 12; celebration of Divine Service: Sundays, 20.

Offerings—Parish Purposes, \$24.54.

The Parish had been deprived of the regular services of the Church, for nearly two years preceding my assuming its charge, by your appointment on Epiphany last. Of course, during this long intermission, there was some loss of members by removals and otherwise, and no additions. The Service of the Church has been continued every Sunday since I have been here. The attendance has been encouraging. A lectern, chancel-railing, and two prayer-desks have been added to the chancel furniture. The ladies have taken upon themselves the duty of providing a carpet, cushions, &c.; and, indeed, the improvements already made are principally due to their zeal. Twenty-five dollars for the purchase of the memorial alms-basons, have been generously offered by a former parishioner, now removed from the Diocese, who, while here, freely gave his time and money toward establishing the Church of Christ in Warren County. The liberality of the senior Warden, Judge Robeson, in placing a horse and carriage at my disposal, and his warm interest in the prosperity of the Church in this part of the Lord's vineyard, deserve to be mentioned. The seats in Zion Church are free.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BEVERLY:

THE REV. HENRY BROWN, RECTOR.

Number of families, 46; number of individuals, 200; baptisms: infants, 6; marriages, 5; burials, 2; communicants, added anew, 7; removed into the parish, 4; removed from the parish 2; died, 1; present number, 75; the Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday in each month and Christmas day; number of times in the Church, 13; in private, 1; district visitors: (male 2, female 4,) total, 6; catechists and Sunday School teachers: (male 12, female 20,) total, 32; catechumens, 75; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 120; parish library, 200 volumes; Sunday School library, 400 volumes; bible class, 1; celebration of Divine Service: Sundays, 104 times; Holy Days, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas; other days, 40. Total, 147.

Offerings—the poor, \$30; parish purposes, \$120.

Our parish itself is Missionary ground. With a heavy debt upon the Church, the roof in danger of falling in, now taken off, and repairs to the amount of a thousand dollars to be made; also a parsonage to build. The vestry thought best to confine our means during the year within ourselves, hence little has been done for objects outside of the parish; we hope to do something for general Church objects next year.

During the past year we have paid for parsonage, \$4,000; for Church

repairs, \$1,000; Rector's salary increased, \$300; for organ, \$30; the Sunday School, for African Missions, \$75; other parish purposes, \$100; Rector's salary, \$1,000; total, \$6,505.

Our parish has a firm friend and helper, in Paul Farnum, Esq., who gave one-half the cost of the Parsonage; we have also several other liberal minded and active persons, whose faithful labors are duly appreciated, and are most encouraging to the Rector, in his efforts for the spiritual welfare of his people.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOORESTOWN:

THE REV. H. HASTINGS WELD, RECTOR.

Number of families, 50; number of individuals, 150; baptisms: (adults 2, infants 11,) total, 13; confirmed, 10; marriages, 4; burials, 9; communicants: added anew, 11; removed into the parish, 3; removed from the parish, 7; died, 1; present number, 77; the Holy Communion is celebrated on Christmas, Easter, and first Sunday in each month; number of times in the Church, 14; in private, 2; Catechists and Sunday School teachers: (male 3, female 9,) total, 12; catechumens, 75; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 75; number of times, four times a year, and once a month in Sunday School, the separate classes every Sunday in part; parish library, 100 volumes; Sunday School library, 300 volumes; 1 bible class, containing 25 members; celebration of Divine Service: (Sundays, 104 times; Holy Days, 7 times; other days, 25 times;) total, 136 times.

Offerings—Board of Missions: Domestic Committee, \$13; Foreign Committee, \$20; the poor, \$46; parish purposes, \$25; Church purposes, not included in the above, \$35; total, \$139.

GRACE CHURCH, HADDONFIELD:

THE REV. SAMUEL W. HALLOWELL, RECTOR.

Number of families, 37; baptisms: (adults 4, infants 3,) total 7; confirmed, 5; marriages, 1; burials, 3; communicants, 31; Catechists and Sunday School teachers: (male 4, female 10,) total 14; catechumens, 20; Sunday Scholars, 50; Sunday School library, 200 volumes; 2 bible classes, (1 male and 1 female).

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WEST AMWELL.

THE REV. DAVID BROWN, RECTOR, MISSIONARY.

Number of families, 4 whole and 12 parts; number of individuals, 40; baptisms: infants, 5; marriages, 2; burials, 1; communicants, 20; removed into the parish, 1; the Holy Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of each month, with Christmas and Easter; Catechists and Sunday School teachers: (male 1, female 3,) total, 4; catechumens, 10; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 12; total number of young per-

sons instructed, 15; Parish and Sunday School libraries, supplied by the Rector; bible class, 1; other Schools, on Saturday afternoons, catechumens and others taught in the Rector's study; celebration of Divine Service, Sundays and Holy Days.

Offerings—Episcopal Fund, \$1.50; Missions of the Diocese, \$1.52.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, NEWARK.

THE REV. JOSHUA SMITH, RECTOR ELECT.

Number of families represented, 12; number of individuals, 40; baptisms: infants, 1; burials 5; communicants: added anew, 1; removed from the parish, 2; died, 2; present number, 17; the Holy Communion is celebrated on the second Sunday in each month and Christmas; 13 times in the Church, in private, twice; Catechists and Sunday School teachers: (male 2, female 3,) total, 5; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 17; number of times, the 4th Sunday in each month, since October; Sunday Scholars, catechised more or less every Sunday; celebration of Divine Service: Sundays, 102; Holy Days, 3; other days, every Wednesday night since beginning of Lent; total, 116.

Offerings—Foreign Committee, for the relief of Mrs. Thompson, \$5; parish purposes, \$140.65; Church purposes, not included in the above, \$10.80; total, \$151.45.

The attendance on the services at St. Philip's Church has been better the last winter and spring, than previously. With discouragement we have encouragement. Though few yet, there has been a disposition to do something on the part of the members. A debt of about \$300 remains to be paid. The basement is yet unfinished which was intended for a schoolroom and vestry or even a parsonage. We still go on in hope; and expect to bring our plans to a good issue with God's blessing.

As missionary I have been engaged much as in former years. The poor have been visited and relieved as far as means committed to my hands allowed. These have been derived from various sources: from collections in Trinity Church; from donations from the charitable. I have visited the sick, baptized children, celebrated marriages, and buried the dead, all of which are enumerated in their proper places. I have also officiated or assisted at various times and places in the daily service, as desired.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEWARK:

THE REV. JULIUS ROSE, PH. D., MINISTER AND MISSIONARY.

Families, 90; baptisms, (adults 2, infants 55,) 57; confirmed, 7; marriages, 15; burials, 26; communicants, (added 24, removed from the parish 12, died 3,) present number, 159. The Holy Communion is celebrated every two months, and on Feast days; number of times in the Church, 10, and in private, 1. Daily parish School, partly paid and partly free; teachers, the Minister and his wife; scholars, males 32, females 29, total 61; Catechists

and Sunday School Teachers, female 2 ; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, about 60 ; number of times, every day ; Sunday Scholars (not included in the foregoing) 15 ; total number of young persons instructed, about 80. Divine Service is celebrated twice on Sundays and all Holy Days, and once every day in the week.

Offerings—for Parish purposes, \$150.00.

This Parish is doing well, in all respects, and I am in hopes that, God willing, the members of the same will learn to do their duties more fully.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, VERNON.

THE REV. WILLIAM H. CARTER, RECTOR.

Number of families, 20 ; number of individuals, 85 ; baptisms : infants, 3 ; burials, 3 ; communicants : added, 2 ; removed from the parish, 4 ; present number, 13 ; the Holy Communion is celebrated every six weeks, also Easter and Christmas ; celebration of Divine Service : once each Sunday.

Offerings—Board of Missions : Domestic Committee, \$12.50 ; the poor, \$20 ; parish purposes, \$1,000 ; Church purposes, not included in the above, \$25.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, GLOUCESTER CITY.

THE REV. ROBERT M. MITCHESON, MINISTER.

This parish has recently suffered severely from frequent removals. The few, however, who remain, are doing their utmost to enjoy the services of the Sanctuary, and have contributed liberally to put the Church edifice in complete order. The congregation is on the increase, and the Sunday School flourishing. The Rev. Mr. Bartlett, resigned the charge at the close of the last year, when the connection of the undersigned commenced.

GRACE CHURCH, ELIZABETHPORT.

THE REV. JOSEPH S. MAYERS, MINISTER, (ABSENT.)

THE REV. J. D. MOORE, MISSIONARY, OFFICIATING A PORTION OF THE TIME.

Number of families, 20 ; baptisms : (adults 1, infants 5,) total, 6 ; confirmed, 7 ; churchings, 2 ; burials, 5 ; communicants : present number, 20 ; the Holy Communion is celebrated monthly ; Catechists and Sunday School teachers : (males 2, females 3,) total, 5 ; Sunday scholars, 30 ; Sunday School library, 150 volumes ; bible class, 1 ; celebration of Divine Service : 50 Sundays, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., and 3, P. M. ; Holy Day, 1 ; total, 51.

Offerings—The poor, \$13.85 ; parish purposes, \$206.28 ; mortgages on lots, \$200 ; melodeon, \$60 ; total, \$480.13.

During the whole of the year, the Rev. Joseph S. Mayers has been absent on a visit to the West Indies.

In the meanwhile, clerical services have been performed for a portion of the time, by the Rev. E. A. Hoffman, the Rev. J. D. Moore, and the Rev.

Clarkson Dunn. The parish suffers greatly through the irregularity of clerical services, and one cannot avoid the conclusion, that in a place of over 3,500 inhabitants, with a Church unincumbered by debt, it needs but the constant services of a resident clergyman, and the blessing of Almighty God, soon to fill our little Church to its utmost capacity.

The field is open to the Church, and unless the present opportunity is embraced, will soon be occupied by other laborers.* We earnestly hope therefore that assistance may be given us from the Missionary fund, as we confidently believe, that in a few years, we shall be abundantly able to sustain ourselves.

THE HOUSE OF PRAYER, NEWARK.

THE REV. JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, RECTOR.

Number of families, 69 ; number of individuals, 239 ; baptisms : (adults 5, infants 50,) total, 55 ; confirmed, 12 ; marriages, 5 ; churchings, 6 ; burials, 15 ; communicants : added anew, 11 ; removed into the parish, 16 ; removed from the parish, 4 ; died 2 ; suspended or repelled, 1 ; present number, 60 ; the Holy Communion : number of times celebrated in the Church, 55 ; in private, 12 ; district visitors : females, 6 ; Catechists and Sunday School teachers : (males 2, females 10,) total, 12 ; number of children taught the catechism openly in the Church, 140 ; number of times, 15 ; Sunday scholars, (not included in the foregoing,) 17 ; total number of young persons instructed, 160 ; parish library, just forming ; one bible class of 17 scholars ; celebration of Divine Service : Sundays, twice, 4th Sunday in the month, 3 times, 118 ; Holy Days, 2 ; other days, daily evening, Friday morning, 434 ; total, 552.

Offerings—Episcopal fund, \$10, paid to the Bishop ; Missions of the Diocese, \$22.74 ; fund for aged and infirm clergymen, \$12.55, Board of Missions : Domestic Committee, \$29.45 ; Foreign Committee, \$10 ; the Poor, \$53.83 ; Parish purposes, \$837.51 ; Sunday School and Parish library, \$145.95 ; by voluntary subscription payable quarterly for the support of the Church, about \$800 ; total, \$1922.03.

It gives me pleasure to report a steady progress in the parish during the past year. The attendance upon the services is much larger than it has been, and there has been a proportionate increase in the offerings. There is a growing confidence in the system under which the parish is administered, and I feel well satisfied, that it needs but time and a faithful continuance of the labors which are begun, by God's blessing, to make the parish in influence and importance, what it should be.

During the past winter, an attempt was made to reach the neighborhood more thoroughly, by a system of district visiting. It was an imperfect one, owing to the difficulty of obtaining efficient aid, but next winter we hope it will be more widely felt. Much has already been accomplished by the aid of a few zealous women ; about 200 garments were distributed, much destitution relieved, and a number of families added to the Church.

* Wardens Report.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWARK:

THE REV. R. T. S. LOWELL, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults 3, infants 41,) 44; confirmed, 7; marriages, 7; burials, 27; communicants, (added 7, removed into the parish 5, removed from the parish 13, died 4,) present number, 70. The Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. Divine Service generally three times on Sunday, and daily through the week.

The Church is very well filled; in the morning, crowded. We lose only by removal from the city, or the earth: but we have lost many in these ways. My baptisms were 44 in 39 weeks; after which I was sick, and absent for many weeks together. The Holy Communion has been celebrated weekly for 8 years, and Daily Prayer has been said for 9 years.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CAMDEN:

THE REV. ELVIN K. SMITH, MISSIONARY.

Families, 50; baptisms, (adults 7, infants 27,) 34; confirmed, 13; marriages, 6; churchings, 1; burials, 19; communicants, (added 15, removed into the parish 9, removed from the parish 17, died 2, suspended or repelled 1,) present number, 84. The Holy Communion is celebrated on the second Sunday in each month, and on the chief Festivals; number of times in the Church, 20, and in private, 4 times; one daily Parish School, paid, with a few free scholars; teacher, Miss A. E. Collyer; scholars, males 10, females 23; Catechists and Sunday School Teachers, male 2, female 10; total 12; catechumens, 150; number of children taught the catechism openly in the Church, all the school, once a month; total number of young persons instructed, about 200; Parish Library, (the property of the Missionary, but loaned to the parish,) 250 volumes. Bible Classes: the Rector's class on Saturday afternoon, half the year; and Sunday School Teacher's class every Thursday evening. Divine Service, celebrated on Sundays, 122 times; on Holy and Saints' days, 28 times, and on other days, 165 times—total, 315.

Offerings—Episcopal Fund, \$15.50; Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, (Bishop White Society) \$10; Board of Missions: domestic Committee, \$13; foreign Committee, \$24.50; the Poor, \$115; Parish purposes, \$760.95. Total, \$938.95.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HUDSON:

THE REV. N. W. CAMP, D.D., RECTOR ELECT.

Families, 49; number of individuals, 241; baptisms, (adult 1, infants 20,) total, 21; confirmed, 12; marriages, 6; burials, 9; communicants, (added 43, removed into the parish 15, removed from the parish 11, died 1,) present number, 75. The Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday in each month; also, on Christmas day; in the Church, 13 times, and in private, 1 time; District Visitors, female, 13; Sunday School Teachers,

male 6, female 14, total, 20; catechumens, names registered, 230; average attendance, 125, including the infant class of between 40 and 50; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, the whole School; number of times, 21; total number of young persons instructed, the whole School; Sunday School Library: before the Church was broken open and robbed, there were about 250 volumes; now, about 150; Bible Class, 1, consisting of 27 members. Celebration of Divine Service: 48 Sundays, 111 times; 9 Holy days, 9 times; 24 other days, 24 times; total, 144 times.

Offerings—Missions of the diocese, \$12.70; Board of Missions, domestic Committee, \$31.41; foreign Committee, \$18.24; for the Poor, \$26.81; Parish purposes, \$111.38; Convention assessment, \$2.00. Total, \$202.54.

In the night of July 27, 1856, (tenth Sunday after Trinity,) the Church of the Holy Trinity, Hudson City, was broken open and robbed. The aisle carpets, and the best of the Sunday School Library were stolen, and have never been recovered. This is the sixth time the Church building has been either broken open, or otherwise desecrated by lawless and outrageous violence.

During fifteen Sundays of last Summer I preached once each day in a School house, in South Bergen, about two miles south of the Church, where was a very good audience; and the time is fast approaching when an edifice will be erected there, either as a Chapel of this parish, or as an independent parish Church.

In September, 1856, I commenced a Sunday School Teacher's Meeting. I address them on topics connected with their duties as Teachers, &c. Those meetings were held usually once a week, until Lent. Since Easter, they have been held once each fortnight.

In December, 1856, I commenced a Bible Class, which has continued to the present time, with encouraging results.

In November, 1856, I organized an Infant Class in our Sunday School, with one Teacher.

During the Season of Lent, Divine Service was celebrated in the Church on the evenings of Wednesday and Friday of each week, and every night during Passion Week.

On each occasion of celebrating Divine Service, on Sundays, a collection is taken: and with the exception of the Communion Alms, the money thus raised is appropriated to the current expenses of the Church. We expect this year to raise in this manner at least \$600. More than twice as many pews have been taken this year as were last year.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DOVER:

THE REV. FRANCIS DAYTON CANFIELD, MISSIONARY.

Families, 17; individuals, 95; baptisms, (adults 6, infants 25,) 31; confirmed, 17; marriages, 1; churchings, 2; burials, 7; communicants, (added 7, removed into the parish 1, removed from the parish 4, died 1,) present number, 19. The Holy Communion is celebrated on the third Sunday of

each month, and on the greater Festivals, when practicable; number of times in the Church, 10; catechists and Sunday School teachers, male 2, female 1, total 3; the children are taught the Catechism openly in the Church, every Sunday morning; Sunday Scholars, 30; Sunday School Library, 150 volumes. Divine Service: every Sunday morning; Holy Days, morning service, with a Sermon on the greater Festivals and Fasts; and on every Friday evening, with a Lecture. Total number of celebrations, 73.

Offerings—Episcopal Fund, \$10.50; Missions of the Diocese, \$21.10; for aged and infirm Clergymen, \$13.16; for the Poor, \$40.68; parish purposes, \$20.00. Total, \$105.44.

Several families having removed so far from the Church that they can very seldom attend, are not included in the above report.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NEWARK:

THE REV. H. GOODWIN, RECTOR;

THE REV. JOSEPH H. SMITH, ASSISTANT.

Families, 90; number of individuals, about 330; baptisms, (adults 3, infants 38,) 41; confirmed, 9; marriages, 7; churchings, 2; burials, 49; communicants, (removed into the parish 8, removed from the parish 13, died 4) present number, 100. The Holy Communion is celebrated every Lord's day, and on the greater Festivals; daily Parish School, paid in a majority of cases; Teachers, the Rev. J. H. Smith, and Miss Frances Ellis; Scholars, males 54, females 26; Catechists and Sunday School teachers, males 9, females 13, total 22; catechumens, 200; number of children taught the catechism openly in the Church, 200; number of times, once, sometimes twice or thrice a month; total number of young persons instructed, 280; Bible Classes, 2. Divine Service is celebrated twice every day of the year. Total number of celebrations, 730.

Offerings—For Parish purposes, and for the Poor, \$2250.00.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH:

THE REV. EUGENE AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN, RECTOR;

THE REV. JOSEPH SHEPHERD MAYERS, RECTOR'S ASSISTANT.

Families, 150; number of individuals, 700; baptisms, (adults 9, infants 67,) 76; confirmed, 22; marriages, 3; churchings, 1; burials, 25; communicants, (added 22, removed into the parish 31, removed from the parish 19, died 5, suspended or repelled 1,) present number, 104. The Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and third Sunday in each month, Christmas, Circumcision, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, and weekly in Advent and Lent; in the Church, 31 times, and in private, 6 times; District Visitors, female, 18; daily Parish Schools, two, each partly free; Teachers, Henry Hopkins Lane and Miss Ellen Collins; Scholars, males 40, females 20, total 60; catechists

and Sunday School teachers, male 6, female 15; total 21; catechumens 227; all the children of the congregation are taught the catechism, openly in the Church, every Sunday and Holy Day; and the children of the parochial Schools during the week; Sunday School Library, nearly 200 volumes; Bible Class of Sunday School Teachers, and others who choose to attend, every Thursday evening. Celebration of Divine Service: Sundays, three services, morning, afternoon and evening; every Holy Day, a noon service with Lecture in addition to the daily morning and evening prayer; and daily, morning and evening, with Sermon or Lecture on Friday evening—total number of services in the Church, 796.

Offerings—Episcopal Fund, (paid this year directly to the Bishop,) \$42.50; Missions of the diocese, \$10; fund for aged and infirm Clergymen, \$6.33; General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and Church Book Society, \$30; Board of Missions, domestic Committee, \$217.50; foreign Committee, \$7; Parochial Schools, \$93.02; for the Poor, \$463.59; Parish purposes, \$1265.26; Church purposes, not included in the above, \$645.36. Total, \$2780.56.

The Rector cannot conclude the fourth annual statistics of this Parish, without calling attention to the unanswerable argument which they present in behalf of free Churches. They form a perfect answer to those who think that the Church is only suited to the rich, and that pews are necessary for its support. The congregation was organized but four years since, in a town where many said there was no room for a second parish. It began with but twenty communicants, and not as many families; and during the first year was compelled to worship in a room which possessed scarcely a convenience for the due performance of the Church services. Now it numbers *one hundred and fifty families*, of which *three-fourths* labor with their hands for their daily bread. The offerings during the past year, for the support of the Clergy, and expenses of the Parish, collected in a Chapel which seats but three hundred persons, have amounted to \$1265.26, being a weekly average of \$24. And in addition to this, in answer to a special appeal made three months since to pay off the floating debt of the Church amounting to 7,000, the whole sum has been pledged by members of the Parish, in sums ranging from *ten cents to one thousand dollars*, of which one-half has already been handed to the Treasurer, in cash.

A perfect unanimity is one of the blessings which attends the parish; and the steadily increasing size of the congregations, frequently too large for the Chapel, warns us that the building of the Church must soon be commenced.

The Rector's Assistant, the Rev. Joseph S. Mayers, has been absent during the whole of the past year, on a visit to his father in the West Indies, but through the occasional assistance of the Rev. J. D. Moore, and more recently of the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, now residing in the parish, all the services of the Church have been performed, without a single intermission.

ST. STEPHENS' CHURCH, MILLBURN :

THE REV. HORACE HALL REID, RECTOR.

Number of families, 50 ; number of individuals, 150 ; baptisms : (adults 8, infants 13,) total, 21 ; confirmed, 15 ; (including one from Calvary Church, Summit;) burials, 9 ; communicants : added anew, 14 ; removed into the parish, 11 ; removed from the parish, 1 ; present number, 40 ; the Holy Communion is celebrated monthly, and on the great Festivals ; Catechists and Sunday School teachers : (male 6, female 6,) total, 12 ; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 40 ; number of times, monthly ; Sunday Scholars, [not included in the foregoing,] 10 ; total number of young persons instructed, 50 ; Parish and Sunday School library, 350 volumes ; bible class, 1 ; celebration of Divine Service : on Sundays and Holy Days.

Offerings—Missions of the diocese, \$50 ; Board of Missions : Domestic Committee, \$20 ; Foreign Committee, \$20 ; for Sunday School and Parish library, \$50 ; total, \$140.

The Rector reverently reports the condition of his parish, as prosperous. There has been a large increase in the number of attendants on Divine worship, and of communicants ; the Sunday School is flourishing, and the spirit of Christian zeal and liberality which prevails toward the furtherance of every department of the Church's work, augurs well for the future.

The above statistics embrace only the period of time which has elapsed since the first day of January last, when the Rector entered upon the discharge of his duties. The omission to report the amount of money contributed for parochial purposes may be supplied by the general statement, that a sum has been realized from the weekly offertory and other sources, fully sufficient to cover all expenses.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LONG BRANCH.

THE REV. HARRY FINCH, RECTOR.

The Holy Communion has been celebrated once, on Sunday ; Catechists and Sunday School teachers : (male 1, female 1,) total, 2 ; Sunday Scholars, 30 ; Celebration of Divine Service : Sundays, most of the time from July to October, both morning and afternoon, mostly by the Rev. Mr. Du Pui, and from April to the present time, every Sunday evening by the Rector.

Offerings—Towards debt on the Church, \$200.

The Rectorship of this parish is nominally held by the present Rector, until another can be obtained. His connection with Shrewsbury and Red Bank, where his duties are confined every Sunday morning and afternoon, prevents his devoting but a small portion of time to this parish. For a short time, he has been enabled to perform a Sunday evening Service, at which time, as well as on all other occasions, the Church is well filled. There have been no collections except during the Summer, which were appropriated to liquidating the debt on the Church.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, SOUTH AMBOY.

THE REV. CHARLES S. LITTLE, RECTOR ELECT.

Baptisms : (adults 1, infants 15,) total, 16 ; confirmed, 3 ; burials, 1 ; communicants : added anew, 7 ; removed from the parish, 2 ; died, 1 ; present number, 9 ; the Holy Communion is celebrated once a month in the Church ; Catechists and Sunday School teachers : (male 3, female 4,) total, 7 ; all the children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, once a month ; Parish Library, 23 volumes ; Sunday School Library, 63 volumes ; Bible Class, 1 ; celebration of Divine Service : twice each Sunday, 84 times ; Holy Days, once, 4 times ; Thanksgiving Day, once ; total 89 times.

Offerings—Episcopal fund, \$5 ; Missions of the Diocese, \$39 ; the Poor, \$27.30 ; Parish Purposes, \$14.51 ; total, \$85.81.

I entered on my duties as Rector of St. Stephen's Church, South Amboy, the Second Sunday of August, 1856. The number of persons then coming to the Church was very small. Since that time they have been gradually increasing, but as the sittings are *free at present*, in our temporary Chapel, I am unable to state the number in attendance on our services. The Lord, blessed be His Holy Name, has put it into the heart of a gentlemen of the Parish, to make the Church a present of a very beautiful Communion Service.

Also, a benevolent and Christian lady, moved by the Holy Ghost, has it in contemplation, to erect to the service of Almighty God, a stone Church, at a cost of about \$10,000. We are waiting anxiously for the estimates. All things in the parish are going on harmoniously. God grant that we may be always united in furthering the cause of Christ.

TRINITY CHURCH, HOBOKEN.

THE REV. N. SAYRE HARRIS, RECTOR ELECT.

Number of individuals, adults, 127 ; baptisms : infants, 13 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 4 ; communicants : removed into the parish, 13 ; removed from the parish, 13 ; present number, 69 ; the Holy Communion has been celebrated in the Church, 13 times ; Catechists and Sunday School teachers : (male 2, female 8,) total, 10 ; Catechumens, 50 ; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 65 ; number of times, once every month, 12 ; Sunday Scholars, 15 ; total number of young persons instructed, 65 ; Parish Library, 350 volumes ; Sunday School Library, 500 volumes ; celebration of Divine Service : Sundays, 94 ; other days, 12 ; total, 106.

Offerings—Episcopal Fund, \$10 ; Missions of the Diocese, Convention Fund, \$20 ; aged and infirm Clergymen, \$20 ; Board of Missions : Domestic Committee, \$30 ; * Foreign Committee, \$155 ; the Poor, \$63.91 ; Parish purposes, \$142 ; Church purposes, not included in the above, \$348.50 ; income

*\$ 20.00 of this from the Sunday School, an annual contribution for the "Grace Wright" scholarship in Africa.

from pews, \$789.41; total, \$1,100; paid for music, not taken from income, \$300.

Church edifice completed and first occupied on the 10th Sunday after Trinity, (September 7, 1856): request for consecration delayed till the remaining debt on it be liquidated, an effort towards which is now being made.

"Grace Chapel," erected on the Church lots, by W. P. Wright, Esq., at a cost of \$3000, as a memorial of his daughter, "Grace," was presented to the Corporation, to subserve the religious training of the youth of the parish, and dedicated to its pious uses on the 10th of November, 1856. It has been appropriately furnished, and provision made for instruction in sacred music, and for an annual commemorative medal.

GRACE CHURCH, ORANGE.

THE REV. JAMES S. BUSH, RECTOR ELECT.

Number of families, 48; number of individuals, 200; baptisms: (adults 5, infants 16,) total, 21; confirmed, 16; marriages, 3; burials, 7; communicants, 94; added anew, 13; removed into the parish, 2; removed from the parish, 19; present number, 94; the Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month, and on Christmas; in the Church, 13 times; in private, 14 times; Catechists and Sunday School teachers: (male 3, female 10,) total, 13; catechumens, 70; number of children catechised openly in the Church, an average of between 30 and 40; the children are catechised weekly by the Rector; celebration of Divine Service: twice each Sunday; once on Christmas; through Lent, Wednesdays and Fridays, except two or three services omitted because of illness.

Offerings—Parish purposes, \$786; Church purposes, not included in the above, \$125; total, \$911.

The corner stone of a new Church edifice, was laid by the Bishop, August 12, 1856. This will be ready for consecration on or before the first of July, 1857. The cost of the same, together with the lot, will exceed \$20,000. All the proceeds of the offertory the past year, (\$786,) have been needed to meet the current expenses of the parish, they being its only means of support. The new Church is to be *free*. The Rector's salary is raised to \$800.

ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH, ROSEVILLE, NEWARK:

THE REV. WM. AUGUSTIN LEACH, RECTOR ELECT.

Number of families, 16; number of individuals, 50; baptisms: (adults 1, infants 10,) total, 11; marriages, 1; churchings, 2; communicants: removed from the parish, 3; present number, 16; the Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday in every month and on the principal Festivals, in the Church, 24 times; Catechists and Sunday School teachers: (male 2, female 2,) total, 4; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 25; number of times, 18; total number of young persons instructed, 25;

celebration of Divine Service: Sundays, 10½ A. M., and 3 P. M.; in Advent and Lent, 7 P. M. also; 125 times in all; Holy Days, 42 times; other days, 28; total, 195.

Offerings—The Poor, \$50.35; Parish purposes, \$380.86; Church purposes not included in the above, \$25.

The congregation of St. Barnabas' Church is composed altogether of the poor. There is not one person of any means connected with the parish. A Clergyman could not be sustained here unless aid were given out of the parish. This at present is furnished by gentlemen in Newark and St. Mark's Church, Orange. From these we obtain about \$150 a year. Even with this it is barely possible for a *Clergyman, without wife or family*, to provide himself food and raiment. Were the collections taken up as prescribed, the Clergyman would be compelled to seek his living in some secular employment. It must be remembered that in this small place there are two religious societies besides the Church. These have liberal donations from Missionary Societies, while the Clergyman of the Church has none.

This year we have sustained a great loss by the Church being robbed in October last. Robes, carpets, books and all things available, were carried away; and to make up this loss, some in the parish have given beyond their means.

The streets, at this time, on two sides of the Church, are being graded and side walks laid. The cost to the parish will not be less than \$400. The attendance at Church is about 60 or 70 persons on Sundays, and about 20 on Holy Days and at other services.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NEWARK:

THE REV. JULIUS DAVID ROSE, PH. D., RECTOR ELECT.

Families, about 30; baptisms, (infants,) 6; burials, 10. Divine Service is celebrated once on Sundays and once on Holy Days.

Offerings—for Parish purposes, \$40.

I minister in this parish regularly every Sunday and Holy Day in the evening, and the place of worship is always crowded. Most of the worshippers were Roman Catholics, and make excellent Churchmen. If the Lord pleases to bless further our efforts, I hope to be able to state, after another year's labor, this congregation may be reported as the principal one. The Church prospers here much better, for it is just in the middle of a large German settlement. On the third day of May, I received a call to the Rectorship from the Wardens, Vestrymen and congregation.

Although the people are very poor, yet they do all in their power to support the services. They pay all the current expenses, so that I at least am relieved of that part, and have nothing else to do but to officiate gratuitously, which may the Lord bless me to be able to do further. Amen!

GRACE CHURCH, MADISON:

THE REV. SAMUEL RANDALL, RECTOR.

Families and parts of families, 30 ; number of individuals, 112 ; baptisms, (infants,) 11 ; confirmed, 4 ; marriages, 1 ; churchings, 1 ; burials, 2 ; communicants, (added 2, removed into the parish 12, removed from the parish 6, died 1,) present number, 31. The Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday in every month, at Christmas, Easter and Whitsunday; number of times in the Church, 15 ; daily Schools, children of Church and neighborhood, taught in Sunday School ; teacher, Hannah B. Bradley ; scholars, females, 17 ; Catechists and Sunday School teachers, male 3, female 4, total 7 ; catechumens, 40 to 50 ; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, about 40 ; number of times, 10 ; total number of young persons instructed, 40 to 50. Divine Service celebrated, on Sundays, 102 times, Holy Days, 4 times, other days, 21 times, total 163 times.

Offerings—Missions of the diocese, \$6.24 ; Common Prayer Book Society, \$5 ; Board of Missions : domestic Committee, \$25 ; foreign Committee, \$150 ; the Poor and Parish purposes, \$161.16. Total, \$347.40.

The amount of offerings, as stated, by no means expresses the sum total contributed during the year for parish purposes. Among other things, which the generous liberality of a few individuals has provided, may be named an organ, greatly admired for its sweetness of tone ; and built by Hall & Labagh, for \$1000. Also, a bell from Meneely's Foundry, weighing 1500 lbs. The Lord bless them, who are thus ready to give and glad to distribute.

TRINITY FREE CHURCH, JERSEY CITY:

THE REV. CHARLES H. CANFIELD, (DEACON,) RECTOR ELECT.

Families, 30 ; number of individuals, 150 ; baptisms, infants, 8 ; burials, 4 ; communicants, (died 4) present number, 25. The Holy Communion is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month, 12 times a year in the Church ; Catechists and Sunday School teachers : (male 2, female 8,) total, 10 ; Sunday Scholars, 54 ; Sunday School library, 60 volumes ; Service every Sunday, and on the Feast and Fast days of the Church ; Sundays, 10½ A. M., and 7½ P. M. ; Holy Days, Good Friday, Ascension and Easter ; other days, Wednesday evening Lecture at 8 o'clock.

I have been but eight Sundays in charge of Trinity Church, and not able to give any information back of that time. Since I took the charge of the Church, we have gone on steadily increasing, and we have great reason for encouragement. Should we continue to increase for the year to come as we have the past few Sundays, the result will be the permanent establishment of a large Church in this portion of Jersey City occupied by us. The people are willing to work, and very heartily second all my efforts for the upbuilding of the Church. We have had presented by a kind brother, *who worships with us*, two silver-plated Alms plates. The Church has

had donated from the New York Common Prayer Book Society, fifty prayer books. They have put a gallery in the Church, (for the choir,) and a reading desk. The Ministerial support is by weekly collections.

ST. JOHN'S FREE CHURCH, PATERSON:

THE REV. SAMUEL J. EVANS, RECTOR.

Baptisms: infants, 26; confirmed, 5; marriages, 6; burials, 33; communicants, present number, 49; the Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday in each month; in the Church, 10 times; in private, 3 times; Catechists and Sunday School teachers: (male 8, female 7,) total, 15; nearly all the children are taught the Catechism openly in the Church, once a month; Sunday Scholars, 100; Sunday School library, 133 volumes.

Offerings—Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, \$5; the Poor, \$30.58.

St. John's Free Church is the result of an effort to establish a second Church in the city of Paterson. It was duly organized February 4th, 1856. The first impulse to its formation was given by the Rev. Edward O. Flagg, then Rector of St. Paul's Church. The Rev. John Grigg, was elected its first Rector, at its organization; who remained for about three months, and then tendered his resignation, which was accepted. A depressing state of things then ensued, threatening to scatter the few who had cherished the favorite project of a Free Church. While in this condition its present Rector accepted a unanimous call, to take charge of it on the 15th day of June, 1856. It has since gathered numbers and strength. Through the pecuniary assistance of persons interested in this enterprise, we have been enabled to procure a prayer book for the desk, a surplice, added over 100 volumes to the Sunday School library; a beautiful bible was presented by an attendant of St. Paul's, we have also purchased a neat and appropriate Communion Service, and other articles needed in sustaining public worship. The Holy Communion was celebrated for the first time, 12th Sunday after Trinity, (November 10, 1856). During the Summer and Fall, the Rector met a bible class, until gas light was introduced into the Hall occupied as a temporary place of worship, when regular Wednesday evening services were held until Easter. Extra services were held during the holy season of Lent. Our attendance is increasing, and much effort has been made to interest persons in this infant Church. Our Communicants have more than doubled. The Sunday School is constantly increasing. This Parish was legally incorporated on the 22d day of January, 1857, under the name and title of "St. John's Free Church." It is in contemplation to purchase a lot and to build a Church or Chapel as soon as possible. And, it must be said in commendation of the Ladies of the "Fragment Sewing Society," that their exertions have been unwearied in raising funds for this object.

ST. LUKE'S FREE CHURCH, PHILLIPSBURGH.

THE REV. P. L. JAKUES, MISSIONARY.

Families, 18; baptisms, (adults 1, infants 2,) 3; confirmed, 4; communicants, 28; the Holy Communion is celebrated every 6th week; in the Church, 6 times; in private, once; Divine Service, celebrated every two weeks on Sundays.

Offerings—Parish Purposes, \$82.78.

This Parish was organized as a Free Church, on the 22d of last December, and services have been regularly held once a fortnight, in one of the large rooms of the second district Public Schoolhouse. The attendance has been good, and could services be held once or twice every Sunday, it is supposed that the congregation would be greatly increased. Phillipsburgh is a thriving place, and the Church has good prospects here. Fine lots have been given for the erection of a Church, Parsonage, &c., and a subscription is now opened for the building of a Chapel, which we hope soon to see completed.

Besides officiating, as above stated, for St. Luke's Church, my time has been devoted, since last November, to soliciting subscriptions and donations for the establishment of the Northern Mission Home; and I have also officiated, once, on a Sunday evening, in Christ Chapel, Elizabeth; once, on a week day evening, in St. Paul's Chapel, Newark; once, on a Sunday, in Zion Church, New York; once, on a week day evening, in St. Paul's Church, Paterson; twice, on a Sunday, in Christ Church, Newton; three times, on two Sundays, for the Rev. Mr. Finch, at Shrewsbury, Red Bank, and Long Branch; and twice, on a Sunday, in St. Peter's Church, Spottswood.

MISSIONARY AND OTHER REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, WOODBURY.

Families, 12; number of individuals, 61; baptisms, (adults 3, infants 2,) 5; confirmed, 5; burials, 3; communicants, (added 4, removed into the parish 1, removed from the parish 4, died 1,) present number 30. The Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month, Christmas and Whitsunday; Catechists and Sunday School Teachers, male 1, female 5, total 6; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, about 20; Sunday Scholars, (irregular ones, not included in the foregoing,) 10. Divine Service is celebrated once on Sunday, and once every week day, except Monday, since Ash Wednesday. Offerings, Missions of the Diocese, \$12.

WM. HERBERT NORRIS, Missionary.

THE REV. MR. SMITH'S REPORT.

Right Rev. and Dear Sir,

During the past year I have been engaged, as heretofore, in the combined duties of Priest in the Church of Christ, and Teacher of youth.

As Assistant Minister of St. Paul's Church, Newark, I have borne my part in maintaining the Daily Sacrifice of prayer and praise; and in the administration of the Holy Communion on every Lord's day, in this Parish. As Rector of St. Paul's School, my daily duty has been to train in religious and secular knowledge between forty and fifty children, beside having the general oversight of the School, numbering in all about eighty pupils.

I have also taught a Bible Class every Sunday morning for the past seven months, and a large Collect Class every Sunday afternoon, for the same space of time.

In addition to these engagements, I hold, by your appointment, the office of Missionary; and in this capacity I have, since my removal into the diocese, served St. Mark's Church, Newark, in such offices as were required.

Public Services are held in St. Mark's Church on Sunday mornings during the summer and autumn, i. e. from June to November. The edifice is erected upon the estate of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and the offices of religion are maintained there at his charges. The Church is *freely* opened to all who will avail themselves of the privileges of holy worship. The result is, that quite an encouraging congregation is gathered from the surrounding neighborhood, of persons who would otherwise probably be entirely destitute of sacred offices.*

* A great barrier to the rapid growth of the congregation consists in the fact that a large majority of the neighboring population are of German origin.

During the year just closed I have baptised two infants in St. Marks—The Font here used is associated with pleasing recollections. The Pedestal, of marble, was a gift from Trinity Church, Philadelphia, to Calvary Church, in that City. When that monumental Church was furnished with a fine large stone Font, then this Pedestal, with its surmounting silvered bowl (itself the gift of an aged christian now at rest,) was transferred to St. John's Church, Camden; and when that Church received its larger laver of regeneration, this Font and Pedestal were passed to St. Mark's, Newark.

GRACE CHURCH, PEMBERTON.

THE REV. ROBERT G. CHASE, MISSIONARY.

Number of families, 15 ; number of individuals, 45 ; baptisms : infants, 3 ; confirmed, 1 ; burials, 1 ; communicants, added anew, 1 ; present number, 17. The Holy Communion : number of times celebrated in the Church, 7 ; total number of young persons instructed, 20 ; Celebration of Divine Service : each Sunday morning, and on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. Offerings—General P. E. S. S. Union and Church Book Society, \$5.

THE REV. CHARLES FREDERICK HOFFMAN'S REPORT :

During the past Conventional year I continued to act as Missionary in Morris County, until the 4th day of November, when I resigned that field of labor ; but, at your request, withdrew the resignation, until I became convinced that my health would no longer permit me to remain. Shortly after (on St. Stephen's Day, 1856,) I became Curate of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, N. J., which position I still hold, and I am at present, also acting as Missionary in Burlington County, and Instructor of Ecclesiastical History, in Burlington College. During the time of my residence in Morris County, I had under my pastoral charge, the towns of Dover, Rockaway and Boonton, and the village of Baskingridge. If I may say it without vanity, I look back upon my labors in that field with no slight gratification and pleasure. Up to the time of my leaving, the Church at Dover steadily continued to grow. At Rockaway, it survived some of the most trying and disastrous of worldly circumstances. At Baskingridge, "the faith once delivered to the saints," was kept alive, and our lamp continued burning. At Boonton, having obtained the House of worship occupied by the Congregational Society in that place, (now extinct,) there was soon gathered a congregation of about 200 souls.

Nor is it only in a professional view that I look back with gratification and pleasure upon my labors and residence in Morris County. It was there that I first made the acquaintance of many dear and loving friends, whom I have not forgotten to remember in my prayers to our common Father, Who so graciously blessed our union. "We took sweet counsel together, and walked in the House of God as friends."

Small as our Parishes were, they were not without their Barnabas, and *Dorcas*, and *Samuel*, through whom, our influence was soon extended be-

yond our strictly parochial borders. The seeds which they have sown, have already sprouted into blade, and ere long we have every reason to look for the full corn in the ear. I desire no better evidence of this than the lay Missionary enterprise at Succasunna; all honor to the holy women connected therewith. I venture to predict, that with the present enterprise continued, and the blessing of God resting upon it, the day is not far distant tant, when the village of Succasunna shall boast of a Church.

From the 28th of May up to the time of my removal to Burlington, I read the morning service, 25 times; evening prayer, 25 times; administered the Holy Communion, 9 times; took a part in 72 other services; preached 53 times; baptized 6 adults and 29 children, buried 3 persons, married one couple, and presented 20 candidates for confirmation

REV MR. CANFELD'S REPORT.

BOONTON MISSION.

Families, 15; number of individuals, 73; baptisms, (adults 2, infants 2,) 4; burials, 1; Catechists and Sunday School Teachers, male 6, female 6, 12; Sunday scholars, 80; Sunday School Library, 93 volumes. Divine Service celebrated every Sunday evening, and on Thanksgiving Day—total number of times, 30.

There have been no especial collections taken at this Station, except one for the Sunday School, amounting to \$6.00. A contribution for Library, by a Layman, \$10.00; obtained by the Missionary, for the same purpose, \$7.50. The ordinary Sunday collections are taken by the Missionary, and have amounted, during the last six and a half months, to \$42. Total contributions and collections, \$65.50.

ROCKAWAY MISSION CHURCH.

Families, 12; number of individuals, 60; baptisms, (infants) 9; confirmed, 3, [these were confirmed at Dover;] communicants, (added 3, removed from the parish 1,) present number, 7. The Holy Communion has been celebrated at irregular times, during the last year, on three occasions. Divine Service has been celebrated every Sunday afternoon, 46 times.

Offerings—For Church purposes, \$31.00.

CALVARY CHURCH, NEW PROVIDENCE.

THE REV. GEORGE N SLEIGHT, MINISTER.

Families, 9; number of individuals, 53; baptisms, (infant,) 1; confirmed, 1, [in St. Stephen's, Millburn]; marriages, 1; communicants, (added anew 1, removed into the parish 6, removed from the parish 1,) present number, 10. The Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday in every month, and on the chief Festivals; number of times in the Church, 16; Catechists and Sunday School teachers, male 1, female 2, total 3; number of children taught the catechism openly in the Church, 15; number of times, monthly,

total number of young persons instructed, 15; Sunday School Library, 100 volumes; Bible Class, one, which meets every Lord's Day; a private School is in operation, to be under the supervision of the Minister of the parish. Divine Service is celebrated twice on Sundays, and once on Christmas, Good Friday and Ascension Day. Total, 108 times.

Offerings—For parish purposes, \$184.63.

The contributions required by the Canons have not been made, for the reason that the present Minister of the parish has had to appropriate the whole of the pittance received towards his own support. It was represented to him, that apart from the Missionary stipend, he would receive about \$350,—instead of which he has had \$164. He pleads this fact in excuse for his breach of the Canons.

A lot has been given to the Church by Samuel W. Parmly, of New York. It is in contemplation to erect a Parsonage and School house on said lot as soon as funds can be procured for that purpose. The School building, when completed, will be both a source of revenue to the Church, and a monument to commemorate the zeal of the little band of Churchmen in this place.

*ST. BARNABAS' FREE MISSION CHAPEL, BURLINGTON:

THE REV. WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE, B. D., PRIEST OF THE MISSION.

Families, 39; number of individuals, 184; baptisms, (adults 14, infants 30,) 44; confirmed, 26; churchings, 1; communicants, added anew, 31; removed into the parish, 36; removed from the parish 1; present number, 66. The Holy Communion is celebrated on every Lord's Day, on Christmas Day, Epiphany, Maunday Thursday night, Holy Thursday, and St. Barnabas' Day; 29 times in the Church, and twice in private; daily Parish Schools, free; Teachers: George S. Lewis, C. H. O., Lavina Forgas; Scholars: males, choristers' school, 6; Boys' School, 23; Catechists: (male 1, female 2,) total, 3; Catechumens, 64; number of children taught the Catechism openly in the Church, 60, on every Lord's Day and Holy Day; total number of young persons instructed, 70; Sunday School Library: 164 volumes; 1 Bible class with 26 members; on Saturday, a weekly school for boys and girls not in the other Schools, 3 teachers and 30 scholars. Celebration of Divine Service: Sundays, morning prayer at 9, with Catechising; Litany and Holy Communion at 10½, with lecture; evening prayer with sermon, at 4½; 3d service, at 7½ with sermon; Holy Days, Lent and Holy Week, with Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, St. Barnabas', Ember and Rogation Days, and Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent, 8 A. M., 12, and 7½ P. M.; Other Days, Daily Evening Prayer, with sermon on Friday, and on the nights of all Saints' Days. Total, since Advent, 265. The seats are all free, and the Mission dependent entirely on the offertory.

Offerings—Parish Purposes, \$186.94.

* Since Advent; six months.

Abstract of the Episcopal Address,

Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	498
Ordained to the Diaconate,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
" to the Priesthood,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Clergymen received from other Dioceses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
" dismissed to " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
" instituted,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
" deceased,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
" present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	80
Churches consecrated,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Chapels temporarily opened,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Churches re-opened,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Candidates for Holy Orders,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14

Summary of the Parochial Reports.

Families,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2642
Individuals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6760
Baptisms, Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	-	149
" Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1047
" Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1196
Communicants added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	236
" received,	-	-	-	-	-	-	505
" transferred,	-	-	-	-	-	-	340
" died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
" suspended,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
" present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4012
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	202
Churchings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	612
Parish School, Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	480
" Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Sunday School, Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4366
" Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	523
Free Churches,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Total Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$44,208 01/2

Dr.

J. W. HAYES, *in account*

	Church Offerings.	Disabled Clergy.	Assessments	Newark City Mission.	Episcopal Fund.	Olden's Legacy.
Balance as per last Report,	390 44	30			10515 27	6194 64
Christ Church, New Brunswick,	15 00				15 00	
St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly,	5 00	14 68	14 00			
St. Peter's " Morristown,	62 15	30 00	15 00			
Estate of Hanford Smith,	245 75					
Grace Church, Newark,	44 60					
Christ " Middletown,	16 07		3 00			
Trinity " "	3 62					
Holy Trinity, Indeson,	12 70		2 09			
St. John's, Dover,	21 10	13 60			6 50	
The House of Prayer, Newark,	22 74	12 55	6 00			
St. Thomas' Church, Glassborough,	10 00					
St. Mark's " Orange,	50 00		20 00			
Christ " Elizabeth,	10 00	6 33				
St. Peter's " Spottswood,	7 00		2 00			
St. Paul's " Hoboken,	15 00	18 03	10 00		22 00	
Christ " Shrewsbury,	21 97		3 03	5 00		
Deposited in 1856,		346 00				
Grace Church, Jersey City,		25 22	15 00			
Christ " Newark,			3 00			
St. Paul's " Paterson,		16 00				
St. Andrew's Church, Lambertville,			2 00			
St. Stephen's " Mullica Hill,			2 00			
St. Paul's " Newark,			5 00			
Trinity " Swedesboro',			9 00			
St. Matthew's " Jersey City,			5 00			
St. Paul's " Camden,			15 00		20 00	
St. John's " Elizabeth,			20 00			
Christ " Newton,			10 00			
Trinity " Hoboken,			20 00		10 00	
Trinity " Newark,				275 09		
St. John's " Camden,					14 00	
Interest on Bonds,					142 91	331 12
" " Bishop's Notes,					789 85	
" " from Treasurer,					50 27	
Balance,			274 52			
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Balance,	302 14	74			10559 02	6410 76

The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following sums, at the Convention, which will be included in next Report.

	Church Offerings.	Disabled Clergy.	Assessments	Episcopal Fund.
St. Mary's Church, Burlington,	101 31			
Grace " Newark,			20 00	29 91
St. Mark's " Orange,	50 00	18 00		
St. Thomas' " Glassborough,	12 00			
Christ " Woodbury,	12 00			
Trinity " Newark,			50 00	
Christ " New Brunswick,	50 00			25 00
St. Paul's " Rahway,	23 00			23 16
St. Andrew's " Mount Holly,	5 00	10 00		
St. Stephen's " South Amboy,	39 00			5 00
St. John's " Camden,			2 00	15 50
St. Peter's " Spottswood,			2 00	
Trinity " Princeton,			13 74	
St. Andrew's " Lambertville,	1 52			1 50
St. John's " Dover,			5 00	10 50
St. Paul's " Camden,				25 00
Christ " Newton,	5 00			5 00

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	Church Offerings.	Disabled Clergy.	Assessments	Newark City Mission.	Episcopal Fund.	O'Brien's Legacy.
Rev. J. M. Bartlett,	\$150 00					
" Charles Woodward,	114 00					
" W. H. Norris,	100 00					
" S. Douglass,	50 00					
" E. K. Smith,	50 00					
" J. F. Phillips,	50 00					
" D. Brown,	50 00					
" J. D. Rose,	87 00					
Deposited in Howard Savings Institution,						
do do previously reported,	139 00					
Balance,	345 00		7 10			
S. C. Atkinson,			201 87			
Expense of Standing Committee,			17 80			
Assessment of General Convention,			229 00			
A. S. Holbrook,			1 75			
Rev. Joshua Smith,				275 09		
Bishop Doane,					1026 78	
Rev. R. G. Chase,						115 00
Balance,	302 14	74 00			10559 02	6410 76
	963 14	485 74	457 52	275 09	11585 80	6525 76
Balance,			274 52			

The undersigned have examined the above statements, and find them supported by proper vouchers.

JOEL W. CONDIT,
S. V. HOFFMAN.

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Diocese of New Jersey:

PASTORAL LETTER, ON THE OFFERINGS OF THE CHURCH.

Dearly beloved brethren,

The principal business of the first Convention, in which I presided, held, at Camden, in May, 1833, was the unanimous adoption, on my recommendation, of the plan of "the Offerings of the Church." It was favourably received, throughout the Diocese; and, for many years, worked well. At one period, when the Diocese had not one third of its present strength, it yielded nearly two thousand dollars. Many strong and prosperous parishes were founded and nourished, by the means thus furnished.

As is incidental to all human agencies, the interest of Churchmen, in this Diocesan plan of Missionary operations, gradually declined. For several years, very little has come of it. The Missionary work of the Diocese has stood still, or gone backward. Noble opportunities of new enterprise have been left unimproved. And feeble parishes have suffered, from the want of aid. I have repeatedly and earnestly invoked your attention, to this state of things.

At the Convention, in Burlington, in May last, a new system was inaugurated. On the Report of a Committee, appointed, three years ago, a revision of the Tenth Canon was adopted: not only, by a unanimous vote, but, in a spirit of mutual concession, after free and full discussion; which gives to the action the strongest assurance, which the Convention can give, of universal and effective co-operation. Under these circumstances, it will be sufficient, I am sure, to append the amended Canon; and to commend the whole subject anew to your united prayers and alms.

Affectionately and faithfully, your servant in Christ,

G. W. DOANE.

Riverside, 23 July, 1857.

CANON X.

OF THE MISSIONARY FUND.

SEC. 5. It is recommended that there be a collection made, at least once a quarter, in every parish of the Diocese, for the support of the Missions of the Diocese; which shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Convention, by the Treasurers of the several parishes, before the time of the Annual meeting of the Convention. These contributions shall be applied, under the direction of the Bishop and the Trustees of the "Offerings of the Church," for Diocesan Missions, and the expenses of the Trustees of the Offerings.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Rectors or Ministers of the several congregations of the Diocese, to lay this Canon before their Vestries, and urge their co-operation in carrying out its provisions.

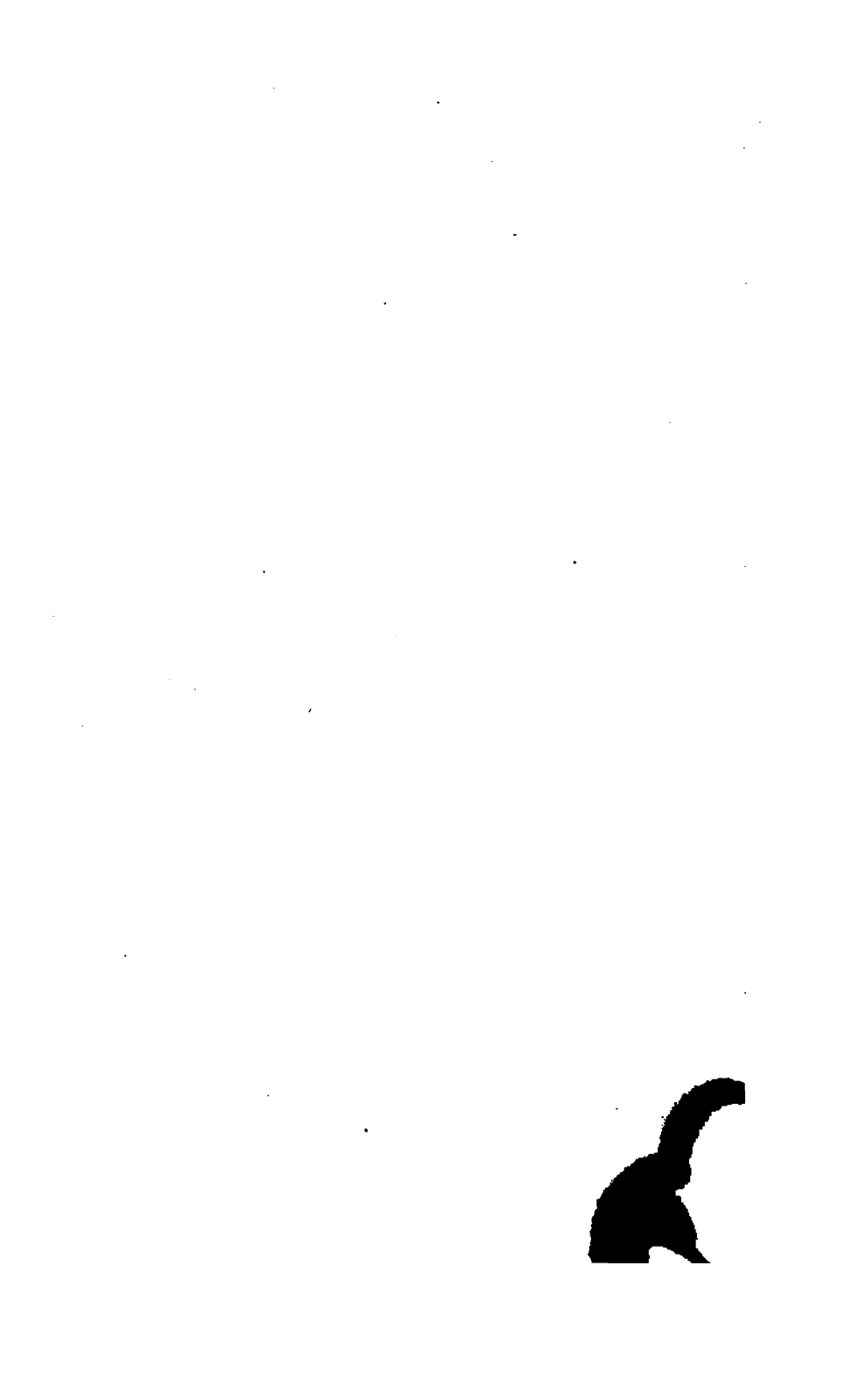
SEC. 9. The Standing Committee of the Diocese shall be the "Trustees of the Offerings of the Church;" and they shall make report to each Annual Convention, of the purposes, to which the funds, under their direction, have been appropriated.

* * * To be read, in every Church, on the Sunday after it is received.
G. W. D.

The next Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey, will be held
in Trinity Church, Newark, God willing, on Wednesday, May 20.
A. D. 1858.







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